

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MI 48160**

Mayor Pro Tem Gee called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Armitage (excused), Council Members Churchill, Gee, Gilson, Hamden (excused), Kerkes, Thompson

**OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT:** City Attorney Ron Liscombe, Building/Zoning Official Grostick, Clerk Frye, Police Chief Tillery, City Treasurer Samborski, MIS/Communications Director Slay, Parks & Recreation Director Bell, Fire Chief Stevens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rick Kerkes, Dave Snyder, Steve Samborski, Katie Russ, Shawn Jackson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** February 22, 2016

Motion by Kerkes to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Gilson. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 8, 2016 - Work Session  
February 8, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Gilson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**MATTERS FOR ACTION:**

- 1. Approve or Not Approve at Second Reading Ordinance No. 2016-01 – An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A of the Milan City Code, to change the Zoning Map provided therein.**

Motion by Churchill to approve and adopt at second reading Ordinance No. 2016-01, seconded by Gilson.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Churchill, Gilson, Kerkes, Thompson

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Hamden, Armitage

**ABSTAIN:** None

Motion carried unanimously.

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- 2. Approve or Not Approve Resolution No. 2016-01 – A Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 0720, Legislation to amend the Michigan Local Historical Districts Act.**

Motion by Gilson to approve Resolution No. 2016-01, seconded by Thompson.

The historical commission has been working on an ordinance with Attorney Steve Mann, which would allow the City to create Historical Districts. This item has been worked on and plans were to bring this item before city council soon, but the pending legislation in Lansing would impact the proposed ordinance, along with the Michigan Main Street application and grant process. Council Member Churchill provided and reviewed a power point presentation that included two pictures that showed some history of the downtown. With the approval of this Resolution, an original copy and a letter will be sent to our State Senators and Representatives asking that they oppose House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 0720.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL:                   \$896,035.38**

Motion by Churchill to approve bills payable and payroll as presented, seconded by Gilson. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None**

**MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:**

**Parks and Recreation Director Bell** reported that there were 70 girls that attended the Daddy/Daughter Dance both nights. She also wanted to remind everyone that the Mother/Son Dance will be held on March 11, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:00 and reservations can be made by contacting City Hall.

**Police Chief Tillery** reported that the new speed sign is up and running, with additional enforcement out as well.

He also wanted residents to be aware that heavy snow is predicted Wednesday and Thursday and if a Snow Emergency is declared, all vehicles must be removed from the streets so that plow crews can do their job. If an Emergency is declared, it will be posted on the City's website, cable and a notice will be sent out on Nixel.

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**Building/Zoning Official Grostick** indicated that the DPW is ready for the snow storm and more salt was delivered today.

He was also happy with the announcement that was received from the Mayor today (listed below).

"I'm pleased to announce that grant funding has been approved for the reconstruction of Redman Road in 2017! Thank you to those who worked on securing this, including Bob and Steve Warren! 8 applications were approved out of 30 submitted. A press release will be forthcoming today from MDOT."

**Councilmember Kerkes** inquired about the removal of the geese. Mr. Grostick indicated that the City received a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality last year and they began a 3-4 year process for the removal and later in the season they will be relocated for the second year.

**Treasurer Samborski** wanted to remind residents that the last day for the City to accept tax payments is February 29th, past due taxes on real property must be paid at the county in which you reside in.

**Clerk Frye** reported that March 5th will be the last day to obtain an absentee ballot application at City Hall from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. for the March 8, 2016 Presenditral Primary Election. Each county will have their individual precincts, but they will both be at the Milan Senior/Community Activity Center. There will be three ballots to choose from; Democratic, Republican and proposal only.

**Councilmember Kerkes** reported that Mr. Dave Snyder sent out an email regarding the E. Main Street Redevelopment and that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016. Gathering will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the ceremony starting at 4:30 p.m.

**Councilmember Gilson** indicated that the storm we are expecting may start out as rain and may turn to snow. Preparation has to be done either way.

He was happy with the good news received about the approval of federal funding for Redman Road from Platt to Wabash in 2017.

**Mayor Pro Tem Gee** asked that everyone be prepared for the upcoming snow event.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:      March 15, 2016 (Submission Deadline March 09, 2016)**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Kerkes to adjourn meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.