

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 09, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MI 48160

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

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

OTHERS OFFICERS PRESENT: City Attorney Mann, Building/Zoning Official Grostick, City Clerk Frye, City Treasurer Samborski, MIS/Communication Director Slay, Parks and Recreation Director Bell, Police Chief Tillery, Fire Chief Stevens

OTHERS PRESENT: Morgan Ball, Shawn & Sheri Corbett, Allen Schmidt, William and Lisa Creny, Anthony Pegouskie, Dave Snyder, Drew Cummings, Penny Turner, James Butler, Ty Chatell, Herb Mahony, Jeremy Neiman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 09, 2016

Motion by Churchill, to approve the agenda with a Special Presentation that will be added after the Consent Agenda, seconded by Thompson.

Council Member Gilson wanted to comment on the Consent Agenda and he does not feel that the public is getting enough information with the change in format of the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 25, 2016 - Work Session
April 25, 2016 - Regular Meeting

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

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Milan Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2016.**
- B. Approved Parade Request (Milan Youth League).**
- C. Fundraiser, Parade, Solicitation and Special Event Request. (Original Gravity Brewing Company)**
- D. Resolution No. 2017.07 – A Resolution for the Purpose of Complying with Public Act 152 of 2011 which addresses the health care costs of employers in the State of Michigan.**
- E. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Milan Federal Correctional Institution (Milan FCI). (REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA TO MATTERS FOR ACTION #3)**
- F. Proposal for Engineering Services, Gay Street (Ferman to Main); Alley (Downtown, north side of Main Street from Ferman to Tolan)**

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- G. Proposal for Engineering Services, Lewis Street (Lewis Street to Dexter Street)-MDOT Small Urban Program.**
- H. Proposal for Engineering Services, Redman Road (Wabash Street to Stonehaven Court), MDOT Category F Grant.**
- I. Request Approval of Letter of Understanding with the Police Union.**
- J. Fundraiser, Parade, Solicitation and Special Event Request (Memorial Day Parade).**
- K. Resolution No. 2016-08 - A Resolution mourning the tragic and untimely death of Milan, Michigan Police Officer Steven Joseph Reuther on Monday, February 4, 1991 and to memorialize his service in life and ultimate sacrifice to his family, community, and the City of Milan, Michigan by forever retiring Milan Police Badge No. 8.**

Motion by Gee to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Consent Agenda Item E and place it under Matters for Action Item #3, seconded by Gilson. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Mayor Armitage read aloud a Memorial Resolution No. 2016-08, suitably engrossed, and that was furnished to the family of Police Officer Steven Joseph Reuther, officially retiring Milan, Michigan Police badge #8.

Police Officer James Butler expressed his condolences and also presented the family with a framed picture of Police Officer Steven Joseph Reuther; as well as presented one to Police Chief Tillery to be placed at the Milan Police Department.

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. Approve or Not Approve at Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2016-03, an Ordinance to Adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.**

Motion by Gilson to approve and adopt at second reading, Ordinance No. 2016-03, seconded by Thompson.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Churchill, Gee, Gilson, Kerkes, Thompson, Armitage
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hamden
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Approve or Not Approve at Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2016-04, an Ordinance to Adopt the 2012 International Fire Code and its Appendixes.**

Motion by Churchill to approve and adopt at second reading, Ordinance No. 2016-04, seconded by Gilson.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gee, Gilson, Kerkes, Thompson, Churchill, Armitage
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Hamden
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously.

3. C-E Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Milan FCI.

Motion by Churchill to approve the MOU with Milan FCI, seconded by Gee.

Mayor Armitage explained that currently the Milan Police Department has no police jurisdiction on the prison reservation off of Dexter Street. When the City receives 911 calls from the prison property, we do not have jurisdiction to respond upon the property, they must call the FBI or Marshalls to respond. The MOU is the first step in the long process of getting Milan Police Department jurisdiction on the prison grounds and it may require many more steps. City Attorney Mann has reviewed and opined that he sees no issues with the City approving the MOU.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$1,010,867.88

Motion by Gee to approve bills payable and payroll as presented, seconded by Thompson.

Comments were made that there are tax disbursements included in these bills. The City just collects the taxes and then disburses them. Mayor Armitage also included the fact that there was also a Wastewater Treatment Plant Debt Payment of \$615K made.

Motion carried unanimously,

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

City Clerk Frye thanked the election workers who worked long hours during the May 3, 2016 Special Election and she also expressed her condolences to the family of Steven Reuther.

Treasurer Samborski gave an update on behalf on City Administrator and reminded everyone that the Home and Garden Expo is being held this Saturday, May 15th on Tolan Square. She listed some of the vendors that will be in attendance and wanted to remind everyone to also visit our local businesses in the downtown. The Morning Owl will be holding an Art Fair on May 21st.

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Today was also the last day for applications to be turned in for the Main Street Director. Interviews will begin next week. Lastly, and Intern will begin next week. He comes highly recommended. He will be in attendance at the next council meeting.

She wanted to report that the Proposed 2016/2017 FY Budget has been posted on the website and the Public Hearing will be held at the May 23, 2016 City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Police Chief Tillery thanked the Reuther family for being who they are and on this day that we honor this hero, he read a passage aloud from a writing called "Hero's" by Raymond Chandler.

Building/Zoning Official Grostick indicated that the chipper will be delivered next week and they may try an on-call basis.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell invited those interested to their open painting night being held this Wednesday night from 6 – 7 p.m. and 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. and they still have openings for the Michigan Lighthouse sweatshirt painting on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Council Member Gilson thanked the Reuther family, officers of the department past and present who have honored him. He was a good officer and a fair man; it was a tragic day.

He attended opening day on Saturday and he was impressed with the improvements that have been done to the ball fields. It was obvious that a lot of effort has been put forth.

Lastly, he wanted to remind everyone of the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th beginning at 9 a.m. and starting this year at the Marble Park Cemetery and ending at the Veterans Wall/American Legion.

Council Member Thompson wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Spring Clean-Up Day; it was great to see such a big turn-out.

Council Member Gee reported that a piano has been placed in Tolan Square and it is there strictly for enjoyment. In the future, the Milan Youth Council will be painting it. They also have a couple in reserve.

Council Member Churchill is a member of the "Friends of the Saline River" including the Cities of Milan and Saline, and York Township. Their goal is to purchase and keep some property along the nature preserve that run along Saline-Milan Road. There are 17.5 acres on Maple Road that they are working on to be navigable for canoes and kayaks. There are people working on this in the meantime and she indicated that Rod Hill has been very instrumental with the program. They will be holding a meeting on Saturday, May 21st and 9 a.m. at the Milan Bakery/Diner with a slide show presentation. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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Council Member Kerkes spoke in regards to Officer Reuther and anyone that lived in Milan felt it that day. She remembers seeing the picture of him holding his young daughter and for her to be in the audience today was touching. She wanted to thank those involved in such a beautiful tribute.

Mayor Armitage mentioned the Youth League Field Improvements and they are incredible; from the grounds to the scoreboard installed. The volunteers have stepped up to the plate, including parents; they have all done an amazing job. It could not be done without their support.

He also reported that the City will be considering an Agreement with the Washtenaw County Public Health Department to begin a partnership with them, IHA and Aid in Milan. If they see people in need of fresh produce or resources, they can get a prescription and get tokens and then the City would be reimbursed by the County. The City of Milan would be joining the Cities of Chelsea and Dexter this year.

The Budget Presentation will be at the next meeting, along with a Public Hearing. There has been discussion about council and a preliminary rental program. There is not a formal proposal and a conclusion at this time would be premature. It will be an open process with public hearings and meetings with a couple landlords. Some good suggestions have been brought forward. More information will be released when this item comes forward, but at this time there is no formal proposal.

Council Member Churchill has been contacted verbally by landlords and tenants expressing themselves.

Mayor Armitage thanked everyone who was involved in the presentation today. It was a honor working for the Milan Police Department for a few years. He was 7 years old when this event happened and a classmate was at the library and seen everything. He got to know Megan and Amanda and he expressed his condolences even after 25 years. It still hurts for the department and the community and he is happy to retire Officer Reuther's Badge #8 and he thanked Officer Butler for the picture that will hang in the department in Officer Reuther's honor.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 23, 2016, 2016 (Submission Deadline May 18, 2016)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gilson to adjourn meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Gee. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael P. Armitage, Mayor

Candy S. Frye, City Clerk