

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 25, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160

Mayor Armitage called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Gee, Council Members Churchill, Gilson, Hamden, Kerkes, Thompson

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Smith, City Attorney Mann, Building/Zoning Official Grostick, Clerk Frye, MIS/Communications Director Slay, Parks and Recreation Director Bell, Police Chief Tillery, Treasurer Samborski

OTHERS PRESENT: David Sweet, Jane Sweet, Kelsea Kerkes, Rick Kerkes, Nathan Baldermann, Schuette, Jill Tewsley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: July 25, 2016

Motion by Hamden to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Churchill. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion by Kerkes to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Gee with the proposed changes. Amend Page Two; the last comment is from Council Member Thompson and not MIS Director Slay. Change the fact that Attorney Ron Liscombe was sitting in for City Attorney Steve Mann and there were no Brief Items for Discussion during the July 11, 2016 meeting. Council Member Kerkes amends her motion with the changes/corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS MATIERS FROM THE FLOOR: Bill Schuette, 370 North Street wanted council to be aware that his property sits on the SE corner of North Street and his neighbor has a 70'-80' pine tree that is leaning over his property and at some point it is going to fall. He is retired and lives on a fixed income. To pay to remove it himself is very costly. The tree belongs to his neighbor and he wants it to be on public record that he is afraid and there is nothing he can do but wait for it to fall.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Building/Zoning/Assessing Monthly Report for May 2016.
- B. Building/Zoning/Assessing Monthly Report for June 2016.
- C. Resolution No. 2016-14- A Resolution to Approve and Adopt a Revised Official Fee Schedule Pursuant to Section 2-74 of the Milan City Code.
- D. Award Audit Contract for Fiscal Years 2016-2018 in an amount not to exceed \$22,700 for year ending June 30, 2016.

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

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

1. Consider Approval of Purchase Agreement for Acquisition of Tolan Street Parking.

Motion by Gee to approve the purchase agreement for the acquisition of Tolan Street Parking, seconded by Thompson.

City Administrator Smith discussed the agreement authorizing the purchase of the 15 space parking lot located on Tolan Street adjacent to the alleyway that the City currently owns. The City will pay \$25,000.00 for the parcel and seller is responsible for any and all closing costs. Purchase funds will be charged to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Council Members Gilson and Hamden expressed their concerns on this investment. Council Member Hamden hopes that this is not being purchased to move forward with something else.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$462,187.03

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

Council Member Gilson questioned why there were expenses for a city credit card. It was explained that due to hotel expenses for training, it took the card over the limit and the fee was charged.

Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Smith reported on road projects, SAW Grant, storm sewer engineering work. The filter project has been completed and the water tower located at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) is due for an inspection in August and bids will be going out for a new paint job.

Electronics from decades of storage in city hall and the police department have been recycled. The Senior Center painting and new carpeting looks very nice.

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A reminder to everyone that the Summer Fest is being held on August 5th and 6th; everyone should come out and enjoy everything.

Clerk Frye reported that Saturday, July 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. city hall will be open. That is the last day to obtain an application for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. Sample ballots are posted at city hall. The election hours will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Treasurer Samborski introduced the new auditor for the city, Nathan Baldermann.

Chief Tillery reported that today a new dispatcher started at the department and will begin training. He will also be hiring three new recruits. Personnel Reports will be on the next agenda, along with their attendance at the August 08, 2016 City Council Meeting.

The pig roast that took place at Fender's Bar and Grill was a good turnout and the funds received will go into the fund to get safety vests for the Reserve Officers. He thanked Tony Thompson, owner of Fenders along with Tim Heath for their donation of a pig and Christian Thompson for his donation of the side dishes. He also thanked the winner of the 50/50 for donating her winnings back to the fund and he wanted to thank the wait staff who each donated their time for the event. They raised \$3,453.00 for the fund.

Building/Zoning Official Grostick indicated that proposals will be going out for the replacement of the roof at City Hall along with new carpeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell was pleased to announce that the Concerts in the park are well on their way. The band next week will be Exit 86, which is a classic rock and roll band.

She thanked Chief Tillery for being deputized so that his department can patrol the Vern Campbell Park and hopefully eliminate the vandalism that has been taking place.

Main Street Manager Tewsley reported that Michigan Main Street Committee members will be in town on August 3, 2016 for training with the board and commission members to help move Main Street forward. Also, on August 2nd a "Dancing in the Street" event will be held at 11 a.m.

Council Member Gilson attended the pig roast and it was a fun time. Hats off to all who worked so hard to put this event together. The food was good as was the service. He would like to see it as an annual event.

He also wanted to invite everyone to the 20th annual Car Fest on August 6th; they are expecting some surprise visitors.

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Council Member Thompson also was in attendance at the pig roast and it was wonderful. It was great to meet and get to know our gracious officers.

Council Member Gee wanted everyone to know that the Marble Memorial United Methodist Church will also be holding a Bake Sale and Ice Cream Social during Summer Fest.

She thanked the fire department for keeping the field fire near her subdivision under control. It has been burning since Saturday and they have spent numerous hours keeping it contained.

Council Member Hamden is enjoying the new walkways in Wilson Park and gave thanks to those who worked so hard to get it done.

Council Member Kerkes thanked Bob, Ellen and Jade for getting the project done at the Milan Senior Community Activity Center. It was also a pleasure to see the work being done at the Police Department.

Mayor Armitage indicated that "Your Generation" (formally known as 50 Amp Fuse) will be playing Friday night at the Summer Fest and Saturday night will be "The Square Pegz."

He reported that he has been working with the Federal Representatives in Senator Stabenow's Office for police issues at the FCI Property.

The Milan Area Fire Department has been very busy and he is appreciative for all of their hard work in this heat.

He is glad to see the new paths in Wilson Park. They are a wonderful addition and he is thankful they have been completed.

BRIEF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4- Amusement-Article 1 - Mechanical Amusement Devices.

Discussion was held as to whether or not the city should keep this Ordinance on the books. If someone comes into town and wants to open an arcade, they may reconsider if they have to get all licenses and inspections.

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City Attorney Mann explained the Ordinance and indicated that many communities have removed them. The Ordinance the City has is less restrictive and quite dated, but indicated that it's good to keep on the books.

Treasurer Samborski indicated that it would have a minimal financial impact on the city without the Ordinance.

This item will be brought back at a future meeting for further consideration.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

August 8, 2016 {Submission Deadline August 3, 2016}

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Gee to adjourn meeting at 8:06p.m., seconded by Gilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Michael P. Armitage, Mayor

Candy S. Frye, City Clerk