

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 24 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Armitage called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawn Dayton, Sue Donovan, Tim Lake

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: October 24, 2016

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 17, 2016 - Work Session Minutes
October 17, 2016 - Regular Meeting Minutes

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

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Sue Donovan of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation gave a presentation regarding the Monroe County Bicentennial in 2017. Mayor Armitage read aloud, Resolution No. 2016-21 to recognize the Monroe County Bicentennial Alliance; she was presented with the same.

PUBLIC HEARING: Closeout Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Funding for Jaytec Hiring Grant.

Public Hearing opened at 7:42 p.m.

Dawn Dayton from Jaytec started this project two years ago. A project of this magnitude had never been completed before, so Jaytec utilized this grant with the possibility of creating 50 new jobs. The project resulted in creating 122 new jobs. Of those jobs created, 43% of the hired employees were previously on unemployment and the other 58% were low to moderate income. She thanked Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to utilize the grant funding.

Mayor Armitage thanked Jaytec for their partnership and he is happy that results were better than anticipated.

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Tim Lake addressed City Council. He indicated that the completion of this grant with Jaytec was a big step for our community and Monroe County. He commented that the administration did a remarkable job and the project was a huge success. He also thanked the City for being the fiscal agent for this project.

City Administrator Smith thanked the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Jaytec, and Dawn for diversifying their clients and for the success. The City does appreciate them for being involved in the growth of the community.

Public Hearing closed at 7:47 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-21 – A Resolution to recognize the Monroe County Bicentennial Alliance.

Motion by Gilson, to approve the Consent Agenda Item A, seconded by Gee. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS FOR ACTION: None

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$355,003.58

Mayor Armitage reported that there was an addition included in the total of accounts payable, to WaterScape in the amount of \$3,586.59, for Holiday Decorating light setup and takedown.

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

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Smith thanked the MEDC, Jaytec and Dawn for their work that was done on the grant.

He also reminded residents that downtown trick or treating will be on Friday, October 28th from 5-6 p.m.

City Clerk Frye reported on the Presidential Election to be held on November 8, 2016 and that the last day to obtain an absentee ballot application will be Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at City Hall.

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City Attorney Mann reported on the Michigan Law on no selfies in the precincts on Election Day. This is still being discussed and he will report to the City Clerk the outcome, as it is being considered unconstitutional.

City Treasurer Samborski reported that delinquent water/sewer bills that are 90 days past due will be put on the winter tax bills.

Building/Zoning Official Grostick gave an update on the Gay Street construction.

He also reported that the chipper will be out again this week and leaf pick up will begin at the end of the week or start of next week.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell was happy to announce that a grant was received from the Greater Milan Area Community Foundation that will go towards Movies in the Park.

Main Street Director Tewsley reported that the final Farmers Market was one week ago and there were free hayrides and approximately 300 families participated. She thanked those who helped it was appreciated.

Council Member Gilson expressed that it is always a good time during the Downtown Trick or Treating. Also, the Big Reds are in the playoffs; GO BIG REDS!

Council Member Gee is excited about Jaytec and is looking forward to the next couple of years with their grant funding.

She was also happy to ride along during the hayrides and was impressed at how great and friendly Milan continues to be.

GOOD LUCK BIG REDS!

Council Member Churchill briefly reported on the Milan Chamber of Commerce Community Service Awards which winners will be announced at the awards breakfast on December 9th.

Mayor Armitage reminded everyone that on November 11th there will be a Veterans Day Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Wall.

The Police Chief will be testing the new RAVE system. More information will be made available soon.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 14, 2016 (Submission Deadline November 9, 2016)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gilson to adjourn meeting at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Gee. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael P. Armitage, Mayor

Candy S. Frye, CMC
City Clerk