

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2017
147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

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

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

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jade Smith, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Attorney Steven Mann, Treasurer Karen Samborski-Excused, Police Chief Donald Tillery, Building/Zoning Official Robert Grostick-Excused, MIS/Communications Director Slay, Main Street Director Jill Tewsley, Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell, and Fire Chief Bob Stevens-Excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrew Cislo, Sean Jenkins.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: November 13, 2017

Motion by Councilperson Hamden, to approve the agenda with amendment of adding the Christmas Parade on December 2, 2017 as item E to the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilperson Gee.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 30, 2017 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilperson Gee, seconded by Councilperson Gilson. Motion carried unanimously

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: (5-minute time limit per person)

- A. Residents: Board of Education Trustee Andrew Cislo, of 1228 Daisy Lane, thanked Ann Gee for her service and work on the Milan Youth Council. He Thanked Mary Kerkes and Jill Tewsley for their work on the Faces of Milan banners and thanked Administrator Smith and Mayor Armitage for their presence at the Board of Education meeting. Mr. Cislo plans attend more council meetings. He provided the City Council with a Milan Area Schools, Board of Education meeting schedule.
- B. Non-Residents. None

CONSENT AGENDA - AMENDED:

- A. To Accept and file Milan Beautification Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2017)
- B. To Accept and file Milan Beautification Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2017
- C. Approve Resolution and set wages for non-union, mid-management and department head positions.
- D. Monthly Building/Assessing Department Report for September 2017
- E. Fundraiser, Parade, Solicitation and Special Event Request. (Milan Area Chamber of Commerce – December 2, 2017)

Motion by Councilperson Gee, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes to approve Consent Agenda items A through E.

Motion carried unanimously

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MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- I. None

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$296,168.08

Motion by Councilperson Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Hamden to approve bills payable and payroll. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: (3 minutes time limit per person)

- A. Residents:
- B. Non-Residents: None

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

Administrator Smith congratulated the new Mayor and Council elects. He requested residents to please be mindful of parking near leaf piles and provide room for DPW to pick leaf piles up. He announced the Christmas parade is at 6:00pm on December 2. Organizations who wish to participate in the parade, can go to milanchamber.org to register their float, there are 23 entries currently registered. Mr. Smith announced the grand opening of Milan IHA Urgent Care facility. They now have extended hours, Monday through Friday 2:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Clerk Wenzel congratulated the new board and Mayor. She announced that there was an over 30% voter turnout.

Police Chief Tillery announced it is "No Shave November" for charity fund raising. The charity selected is "Compassion Ministry". If anyone would like to participate in donating, please contact Tory Terry at the police department.

MIS/Communication Director Slay congratulated new Council members and Mayor.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell she encouraged everyone to come out to the Mom-to-Mom sale from 9am - 4pm on November 18, admission is \$1. She announced there is still time to register for the upcoming classes, "Mommy and Me" painting and a "CPR" on November 28.

Main Street Director Jill Tewsley shared many things happening in downtown Milan, the opening of a new store called "Northern Chic's". She encourages everyone to visit it. She announced Milan Main Street is hosting a major event for the nationwide Small Business Saturday on November 25. The event is called "Pop on Main Street" and the core hours are from 9:00am to 4:00pm some stores may vary. Please visit the Milan Main Street Facebook page for more details and special event offers.

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Councilperson Gilson request everyone's patience with the leaf pick up as the trucks are out. He encourages all to be mindful of the deer while driving in and around the parks. Mr. Gilson thanked all the election workers and for everyone's support. He is looking forward to serving for the next four years.

Councilperson Thompson attended and enjoyed last weeks "Stewards for Strangers" event at The Owl. He encouraged everyone to go this week for great food priced right.

Councilperson Gee thanked all the election workers; she missed working the election with them this year. She is thankful for all the support she received and congratulated the other new Council and Mayor elects.

Councilperson Hamden thanked the election workers as well, he felt overwhelmed by all the support he received. He thanked everyone for visiting and showing his or her support on Election Day. He announced some vacancy will be available on many of the Boards and Commissions; he encourages anyone interested in serving to please see him or any of the council members.

Councilperson Churchill was impressed and moved by the veteran ceremony. She enjoyed seeing the Heritage Girls troop as well as the boy scouts taking part.

Councilperson Kerkes, shared a post from Tom Dupuis, that the Christmas Train will be passing through Milan on November 30 and the Brooklyn Side Track Restaurant will stay open offering coffee and hot cocoa. They are also collecting nonperishable items for Aid in Milan from now through the end of November if any would like to donate.

Mayor Armitage thanked Jade Smith and all that were involved with making the Veterans Day ceremony special. He announced many churches in Milan are hosting a thanksgiving event on November 19. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and presented the new Mayor Elect, Dominic Hamden with a gift. His own personalized gavel.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 27, 2017 (Submission Deadline November 22, 2017)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilperson Gilson, seconded by Hamden, to adjourn meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Michael Armitage, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, City Clerk