

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 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-Excused, City Attorney Ron Liscombe, Treasurer Karen Samborski, Police Chief Donald Tillery, Building/Zoning Official Robert Grostick, MIS/Communications Director Slay, Main Street Director Jill Tewsley, Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell, and Fire Chief Bob Stevens.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gary Shaw, Johnny Rakipi, Wade Raddatz, Richard Ellsworth, David Sweet.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** November 27, 2017

Motion by Councilperson Hamden, to approve the agenda with amendment of adding item F to the Consent Agenda, and moving items A and D to Matters for Action, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 13, 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: None
- B. Non-Residents: None

**CONSENT AGENDA - AMENDED:**

- A. **Moved to Matters for Action.**
- B. **Building Department Monthly Report for October 2017.**
- C. **Fundraiser, Parade, Solicitation and Special Event Request (Milan Area Firefighters Association-December 2, 2017)**
- D. **Moved to Matters for Action.**
- E. **Approve Appointee Timilee Vaughn to fill partial term vacancy on the Elected Officers Compensation Commission, term to end 12/31/2019.**
- F. **Approve Dexter Street Corridor Improvement Authority appointment of members Robert Loudermilk, term to end 12/31/2018. Wade Radditz, term to end 12/31/2019. Johnny Rakipi, term to end 12/31/2020. Guy Ciavattone, term to end 12/31/2021 and Jesse Nie, term to end 12/31/2019.**

Motion by Councilperson Gee, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes to approve Consent Agenda items B, C, E, and F. Motion carried unanimously

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**MATTERS FOR ACTION:**

**1. Approve agreement between Milan Community Fair and The City of Milan.**

Motion by Councilperson Kerkes, seconded by Councilperson Gee to approve with clerical corrections in agreement. Motion carried unanimously

Councilperson Gilson clarified questions with the contact and use of the park and its pavilions.

**2. Approve USDA Contracts with OHM Advisors for Sewer and Water Main loan.**

Motion by Councilperson Thompson, seconded by Councilperson Gee to approve USDA Contracts. Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Armitage reiterated the facts of the contracts that were discussed in the work session.

**BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$165,408.62**

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

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

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

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

**Administrator Smith** reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade this Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 pm. He thanked the Council for approving the new Dexter Street Corridor Improvement Authority board members and thanked the members for their willingness to serve.

**Treasurer Samborski** announced the winter tax bills will be mailed on December 1<sup>st</sup> and payable through February 14, 2018. She added that an updated Water Quality report will be posted on the website and sent out in the next water bills as well.

**Police Chief Tillery** gave special mention to Deputy Eric Overall who was killed in Detroit area on Thanksgiving. Milan Police Officers are wearing a mourning band on their badges in his honor.

**Building/Zoning Official Robert Grostick** informed that DPW is still picking up leaves until they are done falling or until snowfalls.

**MIS/Communication Director Slay** announced that he hopes to have the issues with the 2004 sound system in the Council Chambers corrected soon.

**Councilperson Kerkes** thanked Jade Smith, Karen Samborski, and Robert Grostick for their hard work on the USDA project. She sends her condolences to the family of Coach Tim Protske. He was a wonderful volunteer here in Milan and will be greatly missed. She announced a new organization called the "Third Hand in Milan" has been formed. They will choose different organizations to assist and are currently collecting new toys to help the "Aid in Milan Toy Drive". To donate a new toy, look for collection boxes at the Library, Jipperhoopies, Co-Milan and the Owl, before December 7.

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**Councilperson Churchill** enjoyed the activities and the food at the “Small Business Saturday” event on November 25.

**Councilperson Hamden** announced the Christmas Parade is looking for volunteers, if anyone is interest they may reach out to him or to Brett Moyer.

**Councilperson Gilson** mention Foundation 14 is an organization that uses donations to put a Veteran on a motorcycle. They will also be in Milan on December 2, if anyone would like to help give a bike to a Veteran, look for the “Foundation 14” volunteers.

**Councilperson Thompson** enjoyed the food and activities at the “Small Business Saturday” event.

**Mayor Armitage** announced the Christmas Train will be passing through Milan on November 30 after 7:30 PM. The Brooklyn Sidetrack will be open during the wait and will be selling coffee and hot cocoa. They are also accepting food donations for “Aid in Milan”.

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS:**

Motion by Councilperson Churchill, seconded by Councilperson Gee to go into closed session at 7:50 pm. to discuss labor negotiation strategy, as provided under the Michigan Open Meetings Act-MCL 15.262(C).

Roll Call:

Councilpersons Churchill, Gee, Gilson, Hamden, Kerkes, Thompson, and Mayor Armitage

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** December 11, 2017 (Submission Deadline December 6, 2017)

Motion to return to regular meeting at 8:45 pm by Councilperson Kerkes, seconded by Councilperson Gee. Motion carried unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Councilperson Churchill, seconded by Gilson, to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Michael Armitage, Mayor

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Karen Samborski, City Treasurer