

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON AUGUST 23, 2021  
147 WABASH ST. MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Hamden called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Hamden, Pro-Tem Kolar, Council Members Baldwin, Gee, Gilson, Kerkes, and Nie.

**OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT:** Interim City Administrator/Police Chief Donald Tillery, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Treasurer Sarah Finch-Excused, City Attorney Steve Mann, Lt. Nieman, MIS/Communications Director John Koehler, DPW Director Stan Kirton, and Main Street Director Jill Tewsley, Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell, Building/Zoning Director Craig Strong and Fire Chief Stevens.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Martha Churchill, Josh Kofflin, Cliff Franklin, Jessica Meingasner, Angela Thomas, Jennifer Michalak, Carrie Ritchie, Shannon Wayne, and Dave Snyder.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** August 23, 2021

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes to amend agenda by removing Matters for Action item #1 "Approve/Award the Contract for Executive Recruitment of the New City Administrator for further discussion, seconded by Councilmember Nie. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 9, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. Residents:** Dave Snyder spoke on behalf of Aid-in-Milan.

**B. Non-Residents:** Jennifer Michalak spoke on behalf of Milan Seniors Healthy Living.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Building Department Monthly Report for July 2021.**

**B. Fundraiser, Parade, Solicitation and Special Event Request for a Neighbors only Block Party (Saturday, September 4 - from 5:30 to Midnight - On Michigan Ave between Church Street and York Street).**

Motion by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Kolar, to approve Consent Agenda items A and B. Motion carried unanimously.

**MATTERS FOR ACTION:**

~~1. Approve/Award the Contract for Executive Recruitment of the New City Administrator to \_\_\_\_\_.~~  
**REMOVED**

**2. Approve Nature Park Improvement provided by the Don Harkness \$50,000 Donation.**

Motion by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Nie to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**3. Approve the Agreement Between Milan Senior Healthy Living and the City of Milan for two years, retro for one year and forward for one year.**

Motion by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Gilson to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL:                    \$210,548.42**

Motion by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to pay the bills as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. Residents:** : Jessica Meingasner made announcements on behalf of Milan Mainstreet, will be watching 77 hours of Disney features as a fundraising marathon on September 16 -19. Dave Snyder spoke on behalf of Moving Milan Forward, they are seeking donations for Tolan Square improvements. Josh Kofflin announced upcoming Milan Shred Day.

**B. Non-Residents:** Carrie Ritchie spoke on behalf of Milan Chambers, the auction of Doors will be September 22, 2021, funds will go to charity.

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

**Interim City Administrator/Chief of Police** shared updates of the storm on August 11. He commended his dispatch department of three employees for keeping up with the demands. Chief Tillery thanked the Dundee and Saline Police departments for assisting with traffic calls and the Dundee and Saline DPW departments for assisting with storm damages. He commended Zilke Farms for donating food to the DPW workers and gave a special acknowledgment and thank you to Utility Billing Clerk Karis Dyc, who showed up to assist her former DPW employees. Chief Tillery expressed his gratitude of the departments and community working together in a time of crisis.

**Police Lt. Nieman** provided a report of calls taken and dispatched to Police, Fire, and DPW. He shared his gratitude of the staff and city working together.

**Parks and Recreation Director Bell** announced the Splash Pad is up and running and has completed the last "Movie and Concert in the Park". Ms. Bell thanked DPW's Brian Mangel for his help with all her events.

**Councilmember Nie** shared his gratitude of the city.

**Councilmember Baldwin** was pleased to see everyone and each councilmember out helping with the storm damage.

**Councilmember Gilson** cautioned seniors and residents of scams going around. He shared his gratitude for all the residents that stepped up to help during and after the storm.

**Councilmember Gee** thanked everyone who got out and helped with the storm damage.

**Councilmember Kerkes** thanked city employee Karis Dyc for getting out to help DPW after office closed. She thanked Zilke Farms for their food donation and the mail lady who stayed late after her shift to help.

**Councilmember Kolar** also thanked Karis Dyc for working both her desk job and helping DPW after office closed. He thanked Carrie Ritchie who showed up with her kids to help. Mr. Kolar commended DPW and everyone for an amazing job. He shared his gratitude to city council for the relocation of the Splash Pad.

**Mayor Hamden** shared his appreciation for the community and all the hard work DPW and the Police Department has done. He would like to celebrate them by providing them with some extra personal time off. He shared his gratitude of Interim City Administrator/Police Chief Tillery and Lt. Nieman of the outstanding job of handling everything the storm brought forth. Mayor Hamden thanked for Dundee and Saline for all their assistance.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

Monday, September 13, 2021 (*Agenda Item Submission Deadline, September 8, 2021*)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 PM. by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Gilson.