

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

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

Pledge of Allegiance administered by Boy Scouts Troop #491

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

**OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT:** City Administrator Karen Samborski, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Attorney Steve Mann, MIS/Communications Director John Koehler, Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell, Police Chief Donald Tillery, Building/Zoning Steve Bredernitz, Fire Chief Robert Stevens, Mainstreet Director Jill Tewsley, and DPW Director Stan Kirton excused.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ron, Angie, & Ava Thornton, Angela Chidester, Henry & Ken Bobicz, Josh Kofflin, and Brian Camillo with Plante Moran.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** February 10, 2020

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes.

Motion carried unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 27, 2020 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Kolar.

Motion carried unanimously

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

**A. Residents:** None

**B. Non-Residents:** None

**SPECIAL ITEM:** Geoffrey Henny Census Recruiter, presented temporary employment opportunities with the 2020 US Census.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. Approve Letter of Support for the Milan Area Historical Society.**

Motion by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to approve Consent Agenda item A.

Motion carried unanimously

**MATTERS FOR ACTION:**

**1. Approve Mayoral Appointment of Sarah Finch as City Treasurer and the setting of compensation in the amount of \$50,000.00.**

Motion by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve appointment and setting of compensation.

Motion carried unanimously

**2. Approve the setting of City Administrator Compensation in the amount of \$92,000.00.**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Kolar to approve the setting of compensation.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent

Motion carried unanimously

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**3. Approve Engagement Letter for Plante Moran, LLC for Accounting Services.**

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

Motion carried unanimously

**BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL:      \$340,469.87**

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

Motion carried unanimously

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

1. **Residents:** None
2. **Non-Residents:** None

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

**Administrator Samborski** provided DPW department and IT updates. She is excited about City Treasurer appointment of Sarah Finch. Ms. Samborski congratulated Jill Tewsley and Milan Mainstreet on a successful "Lets Chill Winterfest". She announced upcoming diversity training for city staff.

**City Treasurer Finch** thanked everyone for the welcome.

**Clerk Wenzel** announced new look to the Absentee Envelopes. She encouraged everyone to be counted with the US Census during March 22 through March 28. Thanked Census Recruiter Geoffrey Henny for presenting Job opportunities with the US Census to Milan residents. Welcomed Sarah Finch as new City Treasurer.

**Chief Tillery** welcomed Sarah Finch.

**MIS Director Koehler** shared system and software issues with Comcast, and completion of upgrades to five city buildings is near.

**Parks and Recreation Director Bell** encouraged everyone to register for a few remaining spots for the "Daddy Daughter Dance", she announced upcoming Bridal Show on February 22, 2020.

**Mainstreet Director Tewsley** announced upcoming events in downtown Milan. She encouraged everyone to visit mainstreet website for more details. She thanked all the volunteers who worked the "Lets Chill Winterfest".

**Fire Chief Stevens** congratulated Sarah Finch on her City Treasurer appointment.

**Councilmember Nie** shared his appreciation and excitement for the many city events.

**Councilmember Kerkes** shared her gratitude for Ms. Samborski orchestrating diversity training for city staff.

**Councilmember Kolar** encourages everyone to support Milan Athletics.

**Mayor Hamden** offered a brief budget discussion at the next council meeting to address councilmember questions. He thanked the Boy Scout Troop #491 for administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

**All City Council and Staff welcomed newly appointed City Treasurer Sarah Finch!**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**Monday, February 24, 2020 (Submission Deadline, February 19, 2020)**

ADJOURNMENT:      Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Nie to adjourn meeting at 9:00 P.M.      Motion carried unanimously

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Dominic Hamden, Mayor

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Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk