

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 13, 2020 UNDER PAVILLION IN WILSON PARK
MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Pro-Tem Kolar called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Faro, Martha Churchill, Sallie Bancroft, Kelsea Kerkes, Josh Kofflin, Dave Snyder, Michelle & Dan Heikka, Shannon Dane Wayne, Elizabeth Satterley, Tony Thomson, Ryan Wilman, Jillann Matteningly, and Mark Taylor. Jeff Albers and Steve Gladden with the Milan Flyer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: July 13, 2020

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

Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 22, 2020 - Work Session Minutes
June 22, 2020 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with one amendment to add *Marie Gress spoke* to **CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR** to the Regular Meeting Minutes by Councilmember Kerkes seconded by Councilmember Gilson.

Motion carried unanimously

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

- A. Residents:** Kelsea Kerkes spoke. Michelle Heikka spoke.
- B. Non-Residents:** None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Presentation and Introduction of Social District.

City Administrator Samborski presented on the introduction of social districts in accordance with MCL 436.1551 and the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998. Mainstreet Director Tewsley elaborated that each municipality defines district boundaries, safety and maintenance plan, and hours of operation. She shared the benefits of what social districts could offer to downtown businesses. Ms. Samborski assured more discussion will take place as the rules and procedures for social districts are more defined.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Statement of Willingness between FCI and the City of Milan for Continuation of Sewer and Water Services for a Period of 1 year.**

Motion by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Gilson to approve Consent Agenda item A.

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. Resolution 2020-04 – A RESOLUTION TO SET THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR THE PROPERTY AT 733 JEFFERSON LANE TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 VIA ELECTRONIC REMOTE ACCESS.**

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Motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Nie to approve. Motion carried unanimously
Roll call vote: Six Ayes, Zero Nays, one Absent

2. Resolution 2020-05 – A RESOLUTION TO SET THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR THE PROPERTY AT 716 JACKSON LANE TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 VIA ELECTRONIC REMOTE ACCESS.

Motion by Councilperson Gee, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes to approve.
Roll call vote: Six Ayes, Zero Nays, one Absent

3. Resolution 2020-09 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF AN ON-PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PEPPERS MEXICAN GRILL LOCATED AT 39 & 45 E. MAIN STREET.

Motion by Councilperson Gilson, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes to approve. Motion carried unanimously
Roll call vote: Six Ayes, Zero Nays, one Absent

4. Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-01 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MILAN CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13 “MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES”, ARTICLE II “LITTER”, SECTION 13-61 “‘RESPONSIBLE PERSON’ TO MAINTAIN PREMISES FREE OF LITTER” TO RE-TITLE THE SECTION AND ADD PROVISIONS FOR THE CLEARING OF LITTER FROM THE PREMISES BY THE CITY AND MAKING THE PENALTY A MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION.

Motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Nie to approve.
Roll call vote: Six Ayes, Zero Nays, one Absent

5. Approve Request from Milan Flyers for a Maintenance Equipment Storage.

Motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Gee to approve with amendment to include site plan review by City Administrator and Chief of Police. Motion carried unanimously

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$532,217.76

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:** Tom Faro spoke. Ryan Wilman spoke.
- 2. Non-Residents:** Jeff Albers with Milan Flyers presented memorial for Vern Campbell.

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

Administrator Samborski thanked Kelsea Kerkes and Michelle Heikka for their comments they shared. She provided downtown water break updates. Ms. Samborski announced the City Hall will start offering curbside service to residents for easier transactions.

Chief Tillery provided an update on newly approved body cameras, he hopes to have them up and running soon.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell announced the “Concerts and Movies in the Park” have been cancelled, however she will start the “Wellness Wednesdays” again more details are found at www.milanmich.org.

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Mainstreet Director Tewsley congratulated the downtown businesses on how they continue to press forward through these difficult times. Ms. Tewsley provided downtown updates, she announced Adventure Inc comic bookstore is expanding to new downtown location.

Councilmember Kerkes thanked Michelle Heikka and Kelsea Kerkes for speaking. Ms. Kerkes assures that City Council will continue to keep pushing for a better community.

Councilmember Gilson reflected on past meeting comments, expressed his concerns with current comments.

Councilmember Nie shared his feeling on comments made at past and current meeting.

Councilmember Baldwin shared his feelings on fellow councilmembers comments. He thanked Michelle Heikka and Kelsea Kerkes for sharing. Mr. Baldwin requested a date to review Police Department "Use of Force" policy. City Administrator Samborski responded to request that she is working on bringing the policy discussion to a public hearing to be compliant with the Open Meetings Act while remaining compliant with Covid-19 restrictions.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, July 27, 2020 (*Submission Deadline, July 22, 2020*)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to adjourn meeting at 8:57 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously

Edward Kolar, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk