

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON NOVEMBER 14, 2022
147 WABASH ST. MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kolar, Pro-Tem Kerkes, Council Members Baldwin, Kofflin, Nie, Thompson, and Wayne.

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jim Lancaster- Excused, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Treasurer Sarah Finch, City Attorney Steve Mann, Police Chief Don Tillery, MIS/Communications Director John Koehler, Main Street Director Jill Tewsley, and Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell. Fire Chief Robert Stevens - Excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Snyder, Sallie Bancroft, Martin Sema, Carrie Ritchie, and Brandon Plasters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: November 14, 2022

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Kofflin.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 24, 2022 - Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
Tolan Square Subcommittee.**

Subcommittee Chairperson Shannon Dare Wayne provided slides that has been collected in the 7 meetings. Materials were presented and she elaborated on the project benefits and obstacles. Dave Snyder presented on second half of slides provided.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approve Mayoral Appointment of Carrie Gutierrez to the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Thompson to approve Consent Agenda item A.
Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. **Approve the First reading of the Marihuana Zoning Ordinance Amendment.**

Motion by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to approve the amendment.
Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Zero Absent
Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. **Approve the First reading of Medical Marihuana Ordinance 2022-06**

Motion by Councilperson Kerkes, seconded by Councilperson Kofflin to approve the first reading.
Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Zero Absent
Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Approve the First reading of Recreational Marijuana Ordinance 2022-07.

Motion by Councilperson Nie, seconded by Councilperson Baldwin to approve the first reading.

Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes, Zero Nays, Zero Absent Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approve proposed fiscal year 2023 budget amendments.

Motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Thompson to approve the amendments.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$593,865.14

Motion by Councilmember Nie seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to pay the bills as presented.

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

A. Residents: None.

B. Non-Residents : Martin Sema spoke.

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

City Clerk Wenzel thanked Election Inspectors for a successful election process and thanked city staff for their support. She provided voter turnout results and a total of 3005 votes were counted. Ms. Wenzel thanked the electors that voted in person for their patience and kindness despite the long wait in line to vote.

Chief Tillery shared his department has four new recruits' that have graduated the academy and are on patrol and ready to do good things. He announced this year's fundraising campaign will be different from the usual "No-Shave November", he encourage all to look for "Milan PD Gives back to the Community"- GoFundMe page on Face Book to donate. The charity chosen this year is Aid in Milan.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell announce the first "Pumpkin Launch" event was a success and is looking forward to it next year. She shared that videos of the event can be seen on Joe Ringbloom's Facebook showing the Mayor launch a pumpkin as well as a few others.

DDA Mainstreet Director Tewsley shared MLive featured three separate articles about Milan downtown events. She announced the fifth annual event of "Small Business Saturday" is on November 26, starting at 8:AM, with a giveaway for the first 150 that make it. Ms. Tewsley encouraged all to attend the Milan High School Play "Puff", there are two shows on Saturday, and it is \$5 admission for all.

Mayor Kolar expressed gratitude surprised Clerk Wenzel with flowers and a card from him and city council

Councilmember Wayne acknowledged Milan Female Athletes. She shared the Girls Equestrian Team has qualified for the third year in a row to go to finals. The Girls Volleyball went to Regionals and the Girls Swim team has first opportunity since 1977 at D3 State Title this weekend. Mayor Kolar added a parade will be expected upon their win.

Councilmember Nie shared some joy he and Councilmember Kerkes have had this week enjoying several nieces Birthdays as well as his daughter Billie Nie's all in one week. He wished Evelyn St. Clair, Piper St. Clair, Billie Nie and Winnie Nie all a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Kerkes congratulated Lavonna Wenzel on a successful Election and thanked her and the workers for a job well done.

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Councilmember Thompson shared his appreciation for the patience the Milan residents showed during the long line on Election Day and thanked the workers for their kindness. He congratulated Aid in Milan on their Empty Bowls event; he was not able to attend but heard great things about it. Mr. Thompson is thankful for all the great organizations here in Milan.

Councilmember Kofflin congratulated Lavonna Wenzel. He thanked Ellen Bell for the Pumpkin Launch that turned out to be a wonderful event. Mr. Kofflin wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, November 28, 2022, (*Agenda Item Submission Deadline, November 22, 2022*)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 pm, by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

Ed Kolar, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk