

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON DECEMBER 28, 2021  
147 WABASH ST. MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

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

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dave Sweet, Dave Snyder, and Dan Currie, City Assessor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** December 28, 2021

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, to approve agenda, seconded by Councilmember Gee.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 13, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

**A. Residents:** None

**B. Non- Residents:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

None

**MATTERS FOR ACTION:**

**1. Approve Lease Agreement between the Milan Area Fire Department and the City of Milan.**

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to approve agreement.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approve Mayor Elect, Edward Kolar as the City of Milan signing authority for all banking transactions effective January 1, 2022. (No attachment)**

Councilmember Gee seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to approve.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$551,976.01**

Motion by Councilmember Kolar, seconded by Councilmember Gilson to pay the bills as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. Residents:** Dave Snyder of 6 Tolan Square spoke.

**B. Non-Residents: None**

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

**Interim City Administrator/Chief of Police Tillery** wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year. He reflected on his time serving with Mayor Dominic Hamden and Councilmembers Doug Gilson and Ann Gee and thanked them for their many years of service. Chief Tillery requested the newly elected officers to stop in and see him for Council ID cards.

**Clerk Wenzel** wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year. She announced the city hall holiday closure dates. Ms. Wenzel thanked Mayor Hamden and exiting councilmembers Gilson and Gee for their service and past support. She invited all of them to attend the next regular council meeting on January 10, 2022 for a special recognition.

**Lieutenant Nieman** cautioned everyone to be safe while enjoying the New Year's Eve Holiday. He wished farewell to Mayor Hamden and Councilmembers Gee and Gilson and thanked them for their service.

**Treasurer Finch** thanked Mayor Hamden for his past support and reflected on her first time meeting him and councilmembers Gee and Gilson through the fire department. Ms. Finch wished them all a happy farewell.

**MIS/Communications Director Koehler** requests departing councilmembers to drop off surface pro books and for the new councilmembers to visit him on January 3, 2022, for training on their surface pro books. He provided updates on current software security and wished Mayor Hamden and Councilmembers Gee and Gilson the best.

**Parks and Recreation Director Bell** thanked Mayor Hamden for the projects he has seen to completion in the city. She thanked Councilmembers Gee and Gilson for all their support in parks and recreation and hopes to see them continue to come.

**Main Street Director Tewsley** provided updates happening downtown and share details on the "Win the Window" event. Ms. Tewsley thanked Mayor Hamden for all his support with main street and wished all of them the best.

**Councilmember Baldwin** thanked Councilmember Gee for all her work and support on the Parks and Recreation commission and for the talents she brought as a councilmember. He thanked Councilmember Gilson for all the talks and for all he has done on council. He thanked Mayor Hamden for his love and commitment to the community.

**Councilmember Kolar** thanked all the departing members for all the hours they donated to the city and all their hard work. He invited them to continue to server on any of various city boards and commissions as there are still plenty of vacancies.

**Councilmember Kerkes** shared her difficulties saying goodbyes, she thanked them all for their time and friendships.

**Councilmember Gee** reflected on her time on council and shared her pride for her perfect attendance record.

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**Councilmember Gilson** reflected on his 30 years of service to the city in various capacities. He commended the city workers on their hard work and service to the community. Mr. Gilson thanked council for all the conversation and has appreciated all the differing opinions and debates on making Milan great. He wished good luck to all the newly elected members.

**Mayor Hamden** thanked the residents for electing him 4 different times and for putting their trust in him. He thanked council for the lessons he has learned along the way. He thanked the department heads for working hard at making Milan a great place to live and visit. He thanked Mrs. Hamden and his sons for their patience and support. He wished all a happy and safe new year.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

Monday, January 10, 2022 (*Agenda Item Submission Deadline, January 5, 2022*)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:06 pm by Councilmember Gee seconded by Councilmember Gilson. Motion carried unanimously.

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Dominic Hamden, Mayor

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Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk