

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON FEBRUARY 28, 2022
147 WABASH ST. MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Kolar called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Snyder, Carrie and Martie Ritchie.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 28, 2022

Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Kerkes to amend the agenda to add item 3 to Matters for Action, "To award the Contract to Al's Asphalt Co. who was the lowest bidder for the Main Street resurfacing project for an amount not to exceed \$270,564.91 and to authorize City Administrator and Clerk to sign contracts", seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 14, 2022 - Work Session Minutes
February 14, 2022 - Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

- A. **Residents:** Dave Snyder spoke.
- B. **Non-Residents:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Approve Emergency Purchase of RAS (Return Activated Sludge) Pump.**

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

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. Approve to Award Contract to Fonson Company Inc. for the Tolan Plaza & Water Main Project in the amount of \$456,414.24.**

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

Interim Administrator Tillery recommended to reject the contract to Fonson, as the cost is higher than expected. Moving Milan Forward Representative Dave Snyder supports the decision to reject the bid.

Councilmember Nie moved to amend his motion to reject the proposal and to instruct the city to rebid as soon as possible, motion amendment seconded by Councilmember Kerkes.

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

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2. Approve a Temporary Stipend for Jon Fitch and Brian Mangen in the amount of \$1000 each a month.

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Wayne to approve the stipends to be retro from when duties started.

Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes. Zero Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve to Award the Contract to Al's Asphalt Co. who was the lowest bidder for the Main Street resurfacing project for an amount not to exceed \$270,564.91 and to authorize City Administrator and Clerk to sign contract.

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

Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes. Zero Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

Marcus elaborated on process of bid and grant contracts for the project cost came in lower than expected. MDOT prequalified the Als Asphalt quote.

Items for Discussion:

A. Bulk Water Station at DPW discussion.

DPW Jon Fitch presented a revenue opportunity for the city to install a bulk water selling station.

B. A. Discussion on DTE Lighting Conversion.

Treasurer Sarah Finch and DPW Jon Fitch presented new lighting options from DTE.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$645,575.66

Motion by Councilperson Kofflin, seconded by Councilperson Nie to pay the bills as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

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

A. Residents: None.

B. Non-Residents: None.

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

DDA Mainstreet Director Tewsley invited everyone out to the Winter Fireworks event is this Friday March 4. She shared that she will be attending the kickoff to the Milan High School play of "Peter and the Star Catcher" this weekend. Ms. Tewsley announced several upcoming Mainstreet events including some fund-raising events, more information can be found at milanmainstreet.org.

Councilmember Wayne invited everyone to the next Beautification Commission meeting this Wednesday. She wished good luck to the Milan teens putting on the play this weekend.

Councilmember Kerkes requested a moment of thought and prayer for the people of Ukraine.

Councilmember Kofflin sends his condolences to the family of former Mayor Gerald Weaver on his recent passing and good luck to Milan Robotics team and the Milan Drama team.

Councilmember Baldwin announced a new free website calendar presented by Moving Milan Forward called milanevents.org where community organizers can add events and residents can view upcoming events.

Councilmember Thompson thanked all department heads for bringing him up to speed, he is two months in as councilmember and is feeling very informed of what's happening in the city. He thanked Councilmember Kerkes for reminding us to think about the people of Ukraine.

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Mayor Kolar sends his condolences to the Weaver family, he shared Gerald Weaver served as a councilmember, then as Mayor Pro-Tem, then on to becoming the Mayor. Mr. Weaver will be remembered as a great part of Milan history. Mayor Kolar explained his appearance is a reaction to having some skin cancer treated, and he cautioned everyone to remember sunscreen. Lastly, he shared his appreciation of the teamwork between city council and the city staff as they tackle and work through some difficult decisions. Mayor Kolar is pleased with all that is getting accomplished and for the plans that lie ahead.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, March 14, 2022 (*Agenda Item Submission Deadline, March 9, 2022*)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 843pm, by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Kofflin.

Ed Kolar, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk