

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

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

Mayor Kolar introduced Milan High School senior Andy Dobrzanski who is a four-year starter for the Milan swim team and may be the most decorated Milan High student ever known. In his four years, he has achieved seven state swim championships and he currently holds the state record in division 3. Andy also holds 10 records in Milan High School.

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: Andy and Jackie Dobrzanski, Andy Dobrzanski, Tom Yax, Mark Gordon, Martha Churchill, Angela Thomas, Amy Timbers, Dave Snyder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 14, 2022

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 28, 2022 - Work Session Minutes
February 28, 2022 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Kofflin, to approve the meeting minutes seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Residents: Tom Yax spoke. Angela Thomas.

B. Non-Residents: Marc Gordon spoke. Amy Timbers spoke

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

An introduction of a Kindness Campaign, presented by Paddock Elementary School. Principal of Paddock introduced his students to explain their goals of this campaign.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Building Department Monthly Report February 2022.

B. F&V Monthly Operating Report for the month of January 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Nie to approve Consent Agenda items A & B.

Motion carried unanimously.

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MATTERS FOR ACTION:

1. Approve Milan Planning Commission's recommendations of a Conditional Rezoning from R-1A, Low Density Residential from R-2, Low Density Residential to R-2, Two Family Residential (Milan Township Classified as R-2 Single Family Urban)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Main Street Resurfacing Construction Engineering Services, not to exceed \$42,200.

Motion by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Kofflin to approve the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Discussion:

Beautification Commission Project: Legacy Tree Project Overview

Councilmember Wayne introduced Jay Sinclair, Tree specialist. They shared Beautification Commissions future plans for more planting of trees to replace ones lost due to severe storms. They plan to use the commissions fund balance to purchase the trees and plans to have procedures put in place that will preserve the newly planted trees. The Beautification Commission's goal is to start planting as early as the Spring of 2022 or possibly Spring 2023.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$267,663.68

Motion by Councilperson Wayne, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes 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:

IT Director Koehler explained the City website experienced some setbacks today but should pass soon. He provided upcoming I.T. projects. Mr. Koehler announced external cameras are expected to be up and running this spring.

Parks & Recreation Director Bell encouraged everyone to sign up for the "Flash Light Easter Egg Hunt" ages 10 and up on April 8th. The regular "Easter Egg Hunt" is for ages 9 and under and will be on April 9th.

DDA Mainstreet Director Tewsley shared the Owl held a fund raiser for Ukraine that raised \$4500.00

Councilmember Kofflin announce the "Wine Walk" tickets are almost sold out. He shared that he will be doing a benefit show and the proceeds will be going to the American Legion sea wall.

Councilmember Wayne wished everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day. She introduced her mother Jo Dare and congratulated the Milan Boys Swim team as well as Andy Dobrzanski on a remarkable swim meet, including Zachary Heikka who also set a school record. Ms. Wayne commended all the cast of the Milan High School Play on a wonderful job, and announced she will be absent for the March 28, 2022 Council meeting.

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Councilmember Nie thanked the Paddock students for their presentation. He was pleased with the city budget session last Saturday. He shared his excitement about new city administration working to get things done. Mr. Nie thanked all the first responders in the city.

Councilmember Kerkes commended Treasurer Finch on an outstanding job during the budget sessions and thanked Mayor Kolar and City Interim Tillery for the most productive budget session ever.

Mayor Kolar agreed with Ms. Kerkes and was also pleased with how well the budget sessions went. Mayor Kolar announced the city has many issues along with the roads as well as the infrastructure underneath the roads. He assures everyone that this council is working on a plan to get through all the road repairs.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, March 28, 2022 (*Agenda Item Submission Deadline, March 23, 2022*)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 812pm, by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Kofflin.

Ed Kolar, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk