

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
VIA ZOOM ON MARCH 22, 2021 FROM
MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Hamden called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY: Mayor Hamden from the City Hall, Pro-Tem Kolar from home in Monroe County, City of Milan, Council Members Baldwin from home in Washtenaw County, City of Milan, Gee from home in Monroe County, City of Milan, Gilson from home in Washtenaw County, City of Milan, Kerkes from home in Washtenaw County, City of Milan, and Nie from home in Washtenaw Milan.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: REMOTELY: Kelsea Nie, Cliff Franklin, Josh Kofflin, Dave Snyder, and Martha Churchill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 22, 2021

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Gilson.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 8, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

- A. **Residents:** Josh Kofflin spoke.
- B. **Non-Residents:** None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A Milan Clothing Donation Drive presented by Caitlyn O’Keeffe.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Receive and File Milan Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes from January 2020, February 2020, March 2020, April 2020, July 2020, August 2020, October 2020, November 2020, December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021.**

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

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. **None**

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BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$231,654.09

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:** None
- 2. Non-Residents:** None

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

Administrator Kovacs thanked Caitlyn O’Keefe for her lovely presentation, she shared her pleasant experience with Caitlyn during a separate interview. Ms. Kovacs thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for a great presentation during the work session and is looking forward to park improvements.

Clerk Wenzel thanked Caitlyn O’Keefe for her presentation. Ms. Wenzel announced Mayor and Council Candidate packets will be available for pick up at the city hall on March 30, 2021.

MIS/Communications Director Koehler provided updates in Police Department on Police Equipment.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell thanked Council for a great work session discussion. She thanked Dave Baldwin for putting the presentation together. Ms. Bell provided “Easter Egg Hunt” details and announced she is in the process of planning summer events.

Fire Chief Stevens provided fire department equipment updates. He cautioned all to please acquire a burn permit as open burns has caused many fires.

Councilmember Baldwin congratulated Mayor Hamden for his time he has given to the city.

Councilmember Gilson cautioned everyone about burning while it is dry out. He shared his pride for his community and gratitude for Caitlyn O’Keefe’s drive to make a difference.

Councilmember Kerkes thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for all the hard work they have put in and is excited about the future park plans.

Councilmember Nie shared his gratitude for the Parks and Recreation slide show presented during the work session and he too is very excited about moving forward with the future projects happening in the parks. Mr. Nie challenged Councilmember Baldwin in gathering items for Caitlyn O’Keefe’s clothing drive.

Councilmember Kolar commended the Parks and Recreation Commission on a great slide show presentation during work session. Mr. Kolar shared his gratitude for Caitlyn O’Keefe’s drive and will be joining the Councilmembers Nie and Baldwins challenge.

Mayor Hamden announced he will not be running in the upcoming General City Election in November. He has enjoyed his many years serving as a councilmember and as Mayor. Mayor Hamden is looking forward to the competition to gather the most items for Caitlyn O’Keefe’s homeless donation drive.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, April 12, 2021 (Agenda Item Submission Deadline, April 7, 2021)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Nie to adjourn meeting at 8:07 P.M.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dominic Hamden, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk