

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON MAY 24, 2021
147 WABASH ST. MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Hamden called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Karen Kovacs, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Treasurer Sarah Finch, 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: Josh Kofflin, Carrie Ritchie, and Jennifer Michalak.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 24, 2021

Motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add a "Special Presentation for Karen Kovacs" and to move the Closed Session to after "Mayor, Council & Staff Reports" by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Gilson.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 10, 2021 - Special Meeting
May 10, 2021 - 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:** MHSL Director Jennifer Michalak provided Milan Seniors updates and shared upcoming events. Carrie Ritchie with Milan Main Street Board shared upcoming main street events.
- B. **Non-Residents:** None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Hamden presented a memorial and a congratulations to City Administrator Karen Kovacs, who is leaving for a new endeavor with the City of Marquette and their new City Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING:

For the purpose to discuss the Proposed 2021-2022 City Budget for all City funds.

City Treasurer Sarah Finch presented materials on the current city funds and the projected funds for the proposed 2021-2022 City Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Accept Josh Kofflin's resignation letter from the Planning Commission.**
- B. **Accept and file the meeting minutes of the Corridor Improvement Authority from September 09, 2020.**

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to approve Consent Agenda items A and B.
Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

1. Approve Resolution 2021-14 – A Resolution for the Purpose of Budget Adoption, Capital Improvement Plan, and the Setting of Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2021-2021.

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve Resolution 2021-14.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve DDA FY21 Budget Amendment.

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Nie to approve amendment.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve Appointment of Interim City Administrator and the setting of Compensation.

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve appointment.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve Mayor Hamden to execute a Letter of Understanding between the City of Milan and the Milan Command Officer Association to give Police Lt. Nieman a \$500 stipend per pay while the Chief Tillery serves as Interim City Administrator.

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$275,451.16

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

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

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

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

Clerk Wenzel thanked City Administrator Kovacs for her support and getting everyone through during the Covid-19 pandemic and wished her happiness in new opportunity with the City of Marquette.

Treasurer Finch shared her gratitude for the relationship she has had with Administrator Kovacs and wished her well in her new journey.

Parks and Recreation Director Bell encouraged everyone to visit Parks and Recreation Facebook for upcoming summer programs and provided the “Daddy Daughter Dance” outcome. She thanked Administrator Kovacs for her past support and her service as a City Administrator wished her and her family the best on their new move.

DDA Mainstreet Director Tewsley announced Hungry Howie’s celebrated their 25th Anniversary and Dance Explosion celebrated 19 years in Milan. She announced the Mimosa District will close during the Milan Fair. Ms. Tewsley wished Administrator Kovacs the best in her new opportunity.

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DPW Director Kirton thanked Administrator Kovacs for welcoming him to the City of Milan two years ago. He congratulated her and wished the best of luck to her and her family.

Councilmember Nie congratulated Administrator Kovacs and wished her and her family the best of luck.

Councilmember Kerkes shared her gratitude for the times she has had with Administrator Kovacs and knows she will be missed.

Councilmember Kolar thanked Administrator Kovacs for always being available and wishes her happiness at her new job.

Councilmember Gee wished Administrator Kovacs happiness and thanked her for always providing support to council. She shared her appreciation and favorite memories with Ms. Kovacs.

Councilmember Baldwin thanked Administrator Kovacs for her availability to the Council and for being a great example of a strong women in her role to daughters and young girls.

Councilmember Gilson provided Backstreet Cruiser highlights and feedback at past events. He announced upcoming events at the Milan American Legion and encourages everyone to support them. Mr. Gilson congratulated the Milan Fair on their 72-year anniversary. He thanked Administrator Kovacs for all her hard work and shared his gratitude for his time he has worked with her.

Mayor Hamden shared his gratitude for his time with Administrator Kovacs and reflected on many great memories with her. He is very sad to see her leave and, also very happy to see her following her dreams. Mayor Hamden congratulated Administrator Kovacs and wishes her and her family the best.

Administrator Kovacs thanked everyone for all their kind comments. She reflected on her time in the City of Milan and is thankful to have worked with a Mayor and City Council who remain very personal and professional in their roles. Ms. Kovacs shared her recent loss of her grandfather, and how the timing for her opportunity in the City of Marquette arose. She ended with a farewell filled with gratitude and appreciation.

Monday, June 14, 2021 (Agenda Item Submission Deadline, June 9, 2021)

CLOSED SESSIN FOR STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATION SESSIONS CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGANNING AGREEMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes to go into closed session at 9:26 pm as stated above and as provided under the Michigan Open Meetings Act – MCL 15.268 (C).

Motion to adjourn closed session at 10:18 pm, by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:19 PM. by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Gilson.

Dominic Hamden, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk