

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Council Members Baldwin, Gee, Gilson, Kerkes, and Nie.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Martha Churchill, Josh Kofflin, Cliff Franklin, Jessica Meingasner, Angela Thomas, Jennifer Michalak, Marty and Carrie Ritchie, Shannon Wayne, Dave Snyder, Dr. Kevin Fountain, Matt Belford, John and Susan Trudeau, John Rocky Williams and Billy Nestor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: September 13, 2021

Motion by Councilmember Gee to amend agenda by adding a Special Recognition of City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, seconded by Councilmember Nie. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 23, 2021 - Work Session Minutes
August 23, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

A. Residents: Dave Snyder spoke. Martha Churchill spoke.

B. Non-Residents: John Rocky Williams and Billy Nestor from the Pic-n-Go Party Store spoke. City Clerk introduced new Election Specialist, Sue Trudeau, who then provided absentee ballot updates.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Hamden presented City Clerk Wenzel with a special recognition of her receiving Certified Municipal Clerk and Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk Certifications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Building Department Monthly Report for August 2021

B. Fundraiser, Parade, Solicitation and Special Event Request for The Milan Chambers Downtown Trick-or-Treat (Friday, October 29 – from 5:00pm to 6:00pm).

C. Approve Citywide Trick-or-Treating on October 31, 2021, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Nie, seconded by Councilmember Gee, to approve Consent Agenda items A through C. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

1. Approve Budget Amendment to Add Additional Cameras in the Park not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Motion by Councilmember Baldwin, seconded by Councilmember Kolar to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Approve Letter of Support for Rehabilitation Project at 7-11 East Main.

**Public Comment: Kevin Fountain of 38 E. Main Street provided description of project plans. This will project will triple his optometry practice inside and out.
No other public comment**

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to approve the Letter.
Councilmember Kolar abstain from voting.

Motion carried.

3. Approve/Award the Contract for Executive Recruitment of the New City Administrator to Management Partners.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$357,085.74

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Residents: Shannon Dare Wayne spoke. Jessica Meingasner spoke on behalf of Milan Mainstreet. Josh Kofflin spoke on behalf of Moving Milan Forward.

B. Non-Residents: Carrie Ritchie spoke on behalf of Milan Area Chambers.

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

Interim City Administrator/Chief of Police provided updates regarding the increased traffic routed through Milan from I-23. MDOT did not provided a warning nor any detour routes to the Milan PD. MDOT plans to have 23 open again within three to six weeks, detour signage should be up shortly.

Lt. Nieman provided police department updates. He has hired Sgt. Archer as a grant writer who will be working on various grants one of which is sensory kits for Autism.

Clerk Wenzel thanked Mayor Hamden and Interim Administrator/Police Chief Tillery for special recognition. She announced absentee ballots will be available and mailed out Monday September 20..

Building/Zoning Inspector Bernard stated his new transition is going smoothly.

Mainstreet Director Tewsley shared updates for Tolan Square, she has been looking into adding a electronic sign. She thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the future work at Dr. Fountains new building, and announced upcoming Milan Mainstreet events and fundraisers. Ms. Tewsley thanked the police for extra assistance during the "Beer Walk".

Fire Chief Stevens thanked Mayor Hamden and Police Chief Tillery for all the work with the traffic detours that allowed the fire department to make fire runs.

Councilmember Nie congratulated Ashley Kerkes and his new brother in-law on their wedding. He shared his appreciation for the 911 officer, PD and Fire departments for all their hard work during this traffic crisis.

Councilmember Baldwin thanked Dr. Fountain for investing in the community.

Councilmember Gilson congratulated Clerk Wenzel on her achievements. shared his appreciation for Mr. Rod Beaton and the American Legion for all the work they did at recent car show. Mr. Gilson request residents to give our police department a break as they work through this traffic crisis.

Councilmember Kerkes congratulated Clerk Wenzel, and congratulated Marty and Carrie Ritchie.

Councilmember Kolar thanked Clerk Wenzel for her desire for continuing education and aiming to be the best she can for the city she serves. He commended the city workers for all their hard work.

Mayor Hamden congratulated Clerk Wenzel for her certifications. He thanked Dundee, Phill Heath of Milan Township, and Penny at London Township for the joint efforts figuring out traffic/detour solutions. He request patience from everyone as he does not see this issue going away anytime soon.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, September 27, 2021 (*Agenda Item Submission Deadline, September 22, 2021*)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 PM. by Councilmember Gee, seconded by Councilmember Gilson.

Dominic Hamden, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk