

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
DECEMBER 21, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MI 48160**

Mayor Armitage called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Armitage, Council Members Churchill, Gee, Gilson, Hamden, Moyer, Williams

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Smith, City Clerk Frye, City Attorney Mann, Police Chief Tillery, City Treasurer Samborski, MIS/Communications Director Slay, Parks & Recreation Director Bell

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Russ, Dave Snyder, Shawn Jackson, Steve Samborski, Lynn Mann, Carmen Moyer, Christian Thompson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: December 21, 2015

Motion by Churchill to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Gilson. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Moyer to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Gee. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND FILE:

1. Building/Zoning Activity Report for September 2015.
2. Wade Trim Report dated December 15, 2015.
3. Milan Historical Commission approved meeting minutes dated November 12, 2015.

Motion by Gee to receive and file items #1 through #3, seconded by Gilson. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Mayor Armitage presented plaques to Councilman Moyer (8 years) and Councilman Williams (4 years) to recognize their years of service on City Council. They were congratulated and thanked for their service to the residents of the City of Milan.

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MATTERS FOR ACTION:

1. Approve or Not Approve Changes to the City Council Rules and Procedures.

The City Council rules govern conduct of City Council and the structure of meetings. Mayor Armitage, along with City Attorney Mann made changes to reflect current practices and to add efficiency to the meeting, including the addition of a consent agenda.

Discussion was held on some of the changes made to the rules and procedures, which included who has the authority to approve what is placed on the agenda. This change could cause a problem, not necessarily at this time, but in the future.

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved this document. These procedures could be changed at the next meeting, or anytime in the future.

Motion by Moyer to approve and adopt the new City Council Rules and Procedures, seconded by Williams. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Churchill, Gee, Gilson, Moyer, Armitage

NAYS: Hamden, Moyer

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$242,121.56

Motion by Gilson to approve bills payable and payroll, seconded by Churchill. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: None

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

City Attorney Mann reported on SB572, which would prohibit any communication at all within any public building, the discussion of any proposals on a ballot 60 days prior to the election, which would include postings or the use of the City Website or Cable Channel. The Governor is being encouraged to veto this bill by the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and the Michigan Township Association (MTA).

City Treasurer wanted residents to be aware that City Hall will be closed on December 24th and 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and January 1st in observance of the New Years Day Holiday.

Police Chief Tillery indicated that the Michigan State Police completed their audit of the Property Evidence Room and everything was located including money, guns, and drugs.

He asked that everyone think about the veterans who are not home during this holiday season.

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Parks and Recreation Director Bell thanked everyone for the support on the Parks and Recreation events. She also wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Gee expressed best wishes to outgoing Council Members Moyer and Williams and to the future endeavors. She looks forward to working with Mr. Williams on the Youth Council.

She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and enjoy the time with your families.

Councilmember Gilson indicated that it has been an honor working with Council Member Moyer for the past 8 years and Council Member Williams for the past 4 years, he appreciates all of their time and effort that has been spent on everything they have done.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and please be safe.

Council Member Hamden wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and to be safe.

He expressed his appreciation to Council Members Moyer and Williams for their time served on City Council and he feels that the last 4 years have been very successful and each of them are leaving a piece of themselves behind. In recognition of their service he recited a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson. He wished them both the best of luck and he feels that he is a better person for serving with them.

Mayor Armitage congratulated Dan Carpus Jr. for Milan Area Fire Fighter of the year and that he appreciates the contributions of the entire fire department.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah. He asked that everyone be safe on New Year's Eve and to not make bad decisions to drink and drive for personal safety and the safety of others. If you must, call the Police Department if you have to before you drink and drive.

He thanked Council Members Moyer and Williams for the contribution on City Council both in their own unique ways.

He also wanted to report that January 11, 2016 will be the first City Council Meeting of the New Year, which will include the new Council Members Christian Thompson and Mary Kerkes. The Honorable Judge Braunlich from Monroe County will be conducting the Ceremonial Oaths of Office for the newly elected and re-elected officials at this meeting.

Councilmember Churchill has already spoken privately with Council Members Moyer and Williams and thanked them for their years of service.

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Councilmember Moyer is looking forward to not being on City Council, but it will be pretty odd not serving the City in this capacity. He started with volunteering his time on the Planning Commission ten years ago and it will be unusual to not be here. He thanked those who elected him and he hopes that they feel well served.

Councilmember Williams feels his departure is bittersweet, but it has been enlightening. He feels that it was a pleasure serving the community and he thanked everyone for their kind words.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 11, 2016 (Submission Deadline Wednesday, January 6, 2016)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Moyer to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael P. Armitage, Mayor

Candy S. Frye, City Clerk