

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON May 22, 2017
147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160

Mayor Armitage called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Armitage, Pro-Tem Gee, Council Members Churchill, Gilson, Hamden, Kerkes, Thompson.

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jade Smith, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Attorney Steve Mann, Treasurer Karen Samborski, Police Chief Donald Tillery, Building/Zoning Official Robert Grostick, MIS/Communications Director Slay, Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell, Main Street Director Jill Tewsley Excused, Fire Chief Stevens, Excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Snyder, Mr. Kerkes and Miss. Kerkes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 22, 2017

Motion by Councilperson Kerkes, to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilperson Hamden. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 8, 2017 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Thompson to approve the minutes, seconded by Gilson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Residents: None
- B. Non-Residents: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Milan Area Fire Department Regular Executive Board meeting Minutes.**
- B. Fundraiser, Parade, Solicitation and Special Event Request. (Original Gravity Brewing Company) June 16 & 17 2017.**

Motion by Councilperson Gee to approve Consent Agenda items A through B. as presented seconded by Hamden Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: 7:30 PUBLIC HEARING for the purpose of discussing the Proposed 2017/2018 City Budget for all City funds.

Public hearing opened at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Armitage presented various facts and information about the proposed budget.

The public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving testimony and to discuss a proposed budget for all City funds for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Citizens had the opportunity to provide written or oral comments and/or suggestions regarding said proposed budget. No comments were received.

Public hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. Approve or Not Approve Resolution No. 2017-12 –A Resolution for the Purpose of Budget Adoption, Capital Improvement Plan Adoption and the Setting of Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

Motion by Councilperson Kerkes, seconded by Councilperson Thompson to approve Resolution 2017-12 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Second Reading - Ordinance 2017-04 approve or not approve AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD CHAPTER 28 “HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICTS’ OF THE MILAN CITY CODE, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION AND SET FORTH STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICTS AND REVIEWING PERMIT APPLICATIONS WITHIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICTS.**

Motion by Councilperson Churchill, seconded by Councilperson Thompson.

Ayes – Churchill, Gee, Gilson, Hamden, Kerkes, Armitage

Nays – None

- 3. Second Reading – Ordinance 2017-05 approve or not approve AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IX (HISTORICAL COMMISSION) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MILAN.**

Motion by Councilperson Gilson, seconded by Councilperson Hamden.

Ayes – Gee, Gilson, Hamden, Kerkes, Thompson, Churchill, Armitage

Nays – None

- 4. Approve or Not Approve contract with Xybix not to exceed \$43,532.64 and waive sealed bidding requirements.**

Chief Tillery provided various facts and benefits regarding the contract.

Motion by Councilperson Hamden, seconded by Councilperson Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Approve or Not Approve of Street Repairs to Canfield paid to Fonson Construction, not to exceed \$17,000.**

Motion by Councilperson Gilson, seconded by Councilperson Kerkes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$ 160,701.54

Motion by Councilperson Gee to approve, seconded by Councilperson Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Gilson inquired about DPW increase. Building/Zoning Official Grostick provided various reasons for the increases.

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

- A. Residents: None
- B. Non-Residents: None

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

Administrator Smith thanked Mayor and Council for all the time and work they put into the 2017/2018 Budget.

Clerk Wenzel wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend. She reminded residents the City Hall will be closed on Monday May 29, in observance of the Holiday and to remember waste pick up will be a day behind.

City Attorney Mann briefed everyone on changes in law regarding road right of ways. The change may offer a fix for current restrictions. Attorney General introduced a house built bill that will permit charitable and civic organizations to solicit funds for charities in the road rights of ways. Provided that a few safety provisions are followed. Those are, must wear high visibility safety apparel, must be 18 years or older, operate within intersections that have traffic control devices and carry a half a million dollar general liability insurance. He will bring more updates on this as they unfold.

Treasurer Samborski gave update from Treasurers meeting. Milan area shows more than 3% growth in property values. She announced the mileage rate decreased and she will be sending notifications out shortly. She is excited to see future growth happening in Milan. She thanked Mayor and Council for making the Budget process easy and pleasant.

Chief Tillery thank Mayor and Council for passing the 2017/2018 Budget. Provided various updates in the Police Department.

Mr. Grostick confirmed Ms. Samborski's comment about growth as the residential permits have been increasing. He provided an update on the progress of Lewis Street. Announce closures on Lewis and North Street will be this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the installation of storm and water mains.

Mr. Slay thanked Mayor and Council for the prompt approval the 2017/2018 Budget. He announced he and Mr. Smith are making progress with the city website, and will bring more updates next council meeting.

Councilperson Gilson thanked staff for their efforts with the 2017/2018 Budget. He gave condolences to Police Officer Harts family and reminded everyone that the Milan Fair is June 1, 2, and 3. He asked for personal fireworks to be left at home and come enjoy the fireworks put on by the fair. He announced the Cruise went well and gave praises to DPW for the maintenance and care of the parks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gee thanked the Beautification Commission for their work on planting flowers in the uptown barrels and making Milan beautiful.

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Councilperson Hamden expressed his appreciation for Councilperson Kerkes. She quickly brought the Bloom Spring Festival together and it turned out wonderful. Mr. Hamden wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend and requested residents please be cognoscente of any veterans or seniors when celebrating with home fireworks.

Councilperson Churchill announced Memorial Day Parade will start with a ceremony at 9:00AM at the cemetery and end at the veterans memorial wall in front of Wilson Park.

Councilperson Kerkes reflected on the events at the Bloom Spring Festival and gave special thanks to many that were involved for all their help.

Mayor Armitage shared special moments from the Bloom Spring Festival. He is grateful for all the volunteers, especially the face painter, Kyanna who showed remarkable care and attention to the children including his. He reminded and invited all to stop in at the Fire Station for "Firehouse Friday" on at 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Mayor also thanked the Milan Fire and Police departments for their presence at the upcoming events and holiday. He thanked DPW for all the extra hard work in the care and maintenance they put into the city for these special occasions.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 12, 2017 (Submission Deadline June 7, 2017)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilperson Gee, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn meeting at 8:00p.m.

Michael Armitage, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, City Clerk