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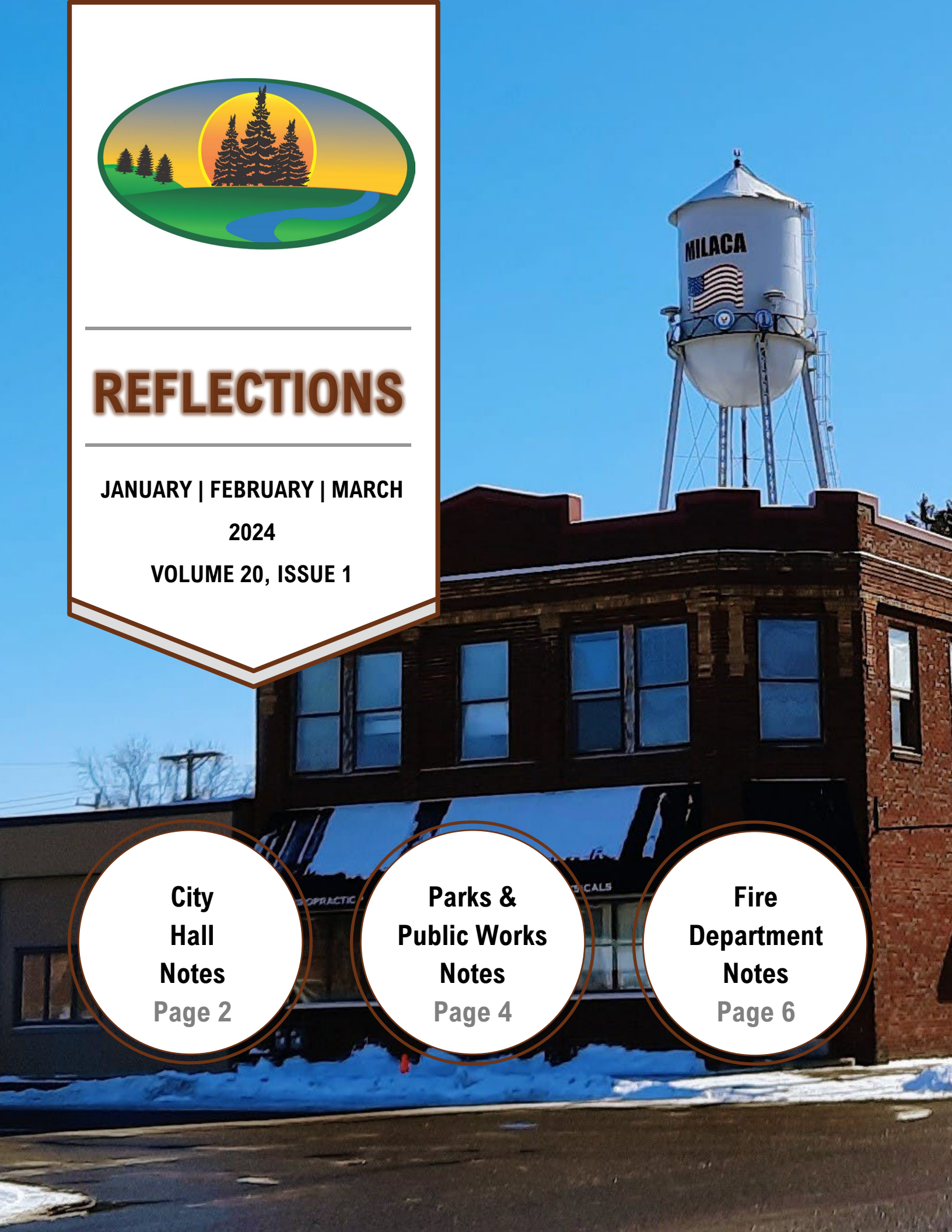
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City Hall Notes

Final 2024 City of Milaca Budget

As voted upon at the December 21, 2023 Milaca City Council meeting, the 2024 Budget is approved.

CITY OF MILACA 2024 FINAL BUDGET

SUMMARY ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Enterprise Funds	Custodial Funds Deputy Registrar	Total 2024 Budget	Total 2023 Budget
REVENUES							
Taxes	\$ 762,177.00		213,002.00			\$ 975,179.00	933,791.00
Tax Increment			42,000.00			\$ 42,000.00	42,000.00
Taxes Other	22,450.00	25,600.00				\$ 48,050.00	48,948.00
Franchise Taxes	\$ 8,825.00					\$ 8,825.00	12,000.00
Special Assessments	\$ 7,300.00					\$ 7,300.00	24,250.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$ 62,450.00					\$ 62,450.00	63,235.00
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,526,751.00					\$ 1,526,751.00	1,355,814.00
Charges for Services	\$ 224,621.00			942,250.00		\$ 1,166,871.00	1,093,299.00
Fines	\$ 15,900.00					\$ 15,900.00	15,000.00
Interest Income	90,000.00	7,195.00		34,550.00	60.00	\$ 131,805.00	85,845.00
Contributions/Donations		100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00	131,000.00
Miscellaneous	30,000.00		24,000.00	36,500.00	1,000.00	\$ 91,500.00	105,200.00
Sales	862,000.00			3,358,025.00	250,750.00	\$ 4,470,775.00	3,245,540.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,612,474.00	\$ 132,795.00	\$ 279,002.00	\$ 4,371,325.00	\$ 251,810.00	\$ 8,647,406.00	\$ 7,155,922.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS IN	\$ 408,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 31,316.00			\$ 450,816.00	344,500.00
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,020,474.00	\$ 144,295.00	\$ 310,318.00	\$ 4,371,325.00	\$ 251,810.00	\$ 9,098,222.00	\$ 7,500,422.00
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	613,686.00					\$ 613,686.00	675,662.00
Public Safety	1,108,032.00					\$ 1,108,032.00	1,006,592.00
Public Works	356,759.00					\$ 356,759.00	345,489.00
Parks and Recreation	187,763.00					\$ 187,763.00	185,154.00
Library	26,950.00					\$ 26,950.00	27,200.00
Airport	92,879.00					\$ 92,879.00	89,448.00
Capital Outlay	1,592,769.00			385,820.00	22,906.00	\$ 2,001,495.00	751,800.00
Debt Principal/Lease			225,104.00	236,000.00		\$ 461,104.00	471,000.00
Debt Interest & Other Charges			54,559.00	16,523.00		\$ 71,082.00	75,247.00
Miscellaneous	34,416.00		2,740.00			\$ 37,156.00	2,140.00
Operating Expenses		30,095.00	41,500.00	4,017,913.00	228,904.00	\$ 4,318,412.00	4,032,501.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,013,254.00	30,095.00	323,903.00	4,656,256.00	251,810.00	\$ 9,275,318.00	\$ 7,662,233.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	31,316.00	119,500.00		300,000.00		450,816.00	344,500.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,044,570.00	\$ 149,595.00	\$ 323,903.00	\$ 4,956,256.00	\$ 251,810.00	\$ 9,726,134.00	\$ 8,006,733.00
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	(24,096.00)	(5,300.00)	(13,585.00)	(584,931.00)	-	(627,912.00)	(506,311.00)

UTILITY BILLING UPDATES

- We are wrapping up the mandatory city-wide meter replacement program.
- The Milaca City Council passed an increase to water rates. The base increased \$1.00 and the rate increased \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons of water. This increase will take effect on the February statements.

Auto Pay Sign-Up Advantages

We do the work for you! No more forgetting to pay the bill. Payment will be deducted on the 15th of the month except if the day falls on the weekend or holiday then it will post the next business day.

No more late fees and no more credit card surcharge fees. Find the form at our website

<https://www.cityofmilaca.org/water-utilities> or come in to City Hall.

BUILDING & ZONING UPDATES

Please remember that building permits need to be completed and turned in for approval to city hall for the following:

- Roofing
- Siding
- Windows
- Addition/Alterations
- New construction of a house or any other building
- Deck
- Fence
- Finish Basement
- Fireplace
- Heating (HVAC)/Plumbing
- Signs



Failure to apply for a building permit PRIOR to construction could result in a Stop Work Order and a fine. Building permits can be applied through our website. Click on the following link:

<https://www.cityofmilaca.org/building-permits-and-inspections>

The State of Minnesota requires that all residential building contractors, remodelers, and roofers must obtain a state contractor's license. If you are hiring a contractor for construction, they must have this license to work in the City of Milaca. To see if a contractor is licensed, click on this link to go to the Department of Labor and Industry:

<https://www.dli.mn.gov/license-and-registration-lookup>

For questions regarding building permits, please email or call Deloris at dkatke@milacacity.com (320) 983-3141 or Tad Winterfield, City of Milaca Building Inspector at tad@midmninspections.com (763) 482-0446.

Handouts and information can also be found at our website. Please check out our new website!

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Dog Tags

Dog license renewals are due! Reminders were mailed out to dog owners who currently have their pets licensed. Please keep in mind that lack of renewal notice does not exempt you from getting a license for your canine friend. Proof of up-to-date distemper and rabies vaccinations is needed for a license. License fees are \$15 for first dog, \$15 for second dog, and \$30 for third dog.

Licenses are purchased at the Milaca Police Department, located inside City Hall. Call (320) 983-6166 with any questions.



Liquor Store Notes

Vicki Jeys, Manager — (320) 983-6255



Happy New Year Everyone!

New Store Hours Until March 1, 2024:

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Discount Days

Monday Military Day: 7% Off

Tuesday Discount Day: Bobber Discount Day (through Ice Fishing Season)

Wednesday Senior Day: 7% Off

Parks & Public Works Notes

Rec Park

The skating rink at Rec Park is officially open! In the event of snow, we ask that you do NOT shovel the hockey rink. This can cause berms to freeze to the ice, which means Public Works will have to close the rink to fix it. Please follow the City of Milaca Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofmilacamn>) for updates on warming house hours and rink closures. This information will also be posted on <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/ice-rink>.

Winter Parking

Per ordinance, parking is prohibited on any street from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., November 1 through April 1. Please adhere to this rule to make sure our streets can be plowed thoroughly.

Snow, Ice, Dirt, or Rubbish

Per ordinance, all snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish must be removed from public sidewalks. The owner and/or occupant of any property adjacent to the walk has 24 hours to remove it.



Deputy Registrar Notes

Amy Cain, Deputy Registrar — (320) 983-3143

The Deputy Registrar is open to the public Monday through Friday 8 am – 4 pm. If you have a transaction that is going to take longer, please try to be here no later than 3:45 pm. The knowledge test is offered here on a computer in the office. It can get a bit noisy in here, so if you need to bring ear plugs, they are allowed. The test is by appointment only and the fee is \$10. Knowledge test appointments can be made on our website cityofmilaca.org/registrar. We try very hard to help everyone, so please be patient with us!

Filing fee increases happened for us finally! We have waited years for this as we have made very little processing driver's licenses that take up so much of our time! So try to be nice to your local offices with the increased prices, as we have waited a long time and gone through a lot to get here. Every office truly deserves it with everything we do for the state and our customers on a daily basis.

State offers Road test appointments on Thursdays. Appointments can only be made online at drive.mn.gov or if you need assistance, you can call the state at [\(651\) 284-1234](tel:6512841234). Be aware that appointments are limited, so it may say no availability. Any questions about the road tests need to be answered by state, as we have nothing to do with them.

If you need a question answered right away, please email us at depreg@milacacity.com and we can answer your questions. If you need anything looked up that is not public information, you do have to come in to the office due to data privacy. We also welcome everyone to utilize the drop box for tab renewals, DNR transactions, and even title transfers if completed! We check the box every day and do the work in between customers. Please fill out the provided form to go with the paperwork dropped off.

We are also finally getting our office remodel this January, so please bear with us with any changes we have going on.

We appreciate all of our customers, so thank you for trusting us to serve you! Stay safe on those snowy roads!

— Amy, Audra, Julie, and Myla



Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services



Fire Department Notes

Chris Ehlen & Jesse Gerads, Fire Chiefs — (320) 983-3465

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Freeze Out Winter Fires

- Keep all doors and windows that could be used for an escape route clear of snow and ice.
- Keep all vents — fireplace, dryer, furnace and oven — clear of snow, ice and debris.
- Never use a blow torch to thaw frozen pipes.
- Use flashlights, not candles, if you lose power.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heat sources; do not use your oven to heat your home.



Did You Know?

- Most home fires occur in the winter and peak in January.
- Each year in the United States there is more than \$2 billion in property loss due to winter home fires.
- Last year in Minnesota, 39 percent of fire deaths occurred in October, November and December.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.
- Test CO alarms monthly.
- If a CO alarm sounds and you feel ill, call 911 immediately. If you feel fine, open windows and doors and your utility company.
- Clear snow and debris from furnace, dryer, fireplace or oven vents around your home to prevent a CO buildup.

Did You Know?

- Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas.
- Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting and disorientation.
- Cooking and heating units that burn fuel and are not properly ventilated or malfunction can be a source of CO in the home.



Milaca Chamber of Commerce Notes

Faith Goenner, Executive Director — (320) 983-3140

SUPPORTING MILACA, PEASE, BOCK, AND FORESTON

The latest Chamber event information can be found on our website at milacachamber.com/events.

If you would like to host one of our events for the year and showcase your business, please contact Faith to learn more about this excellent promotional opportunity. We would welcome volunteers to get in touch with us to support and promote our community events.

2024 Calendar of Events			
For all events, please see Community Calendar on the website.			
WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
JANUARY 4- BOARD MTG 11- Morning Perk - Pease CRC	APRIL 4- BOARD MTG 11- Morning Perk	JULY TBD- BOARD MTG 11- Special Programming	OCTOBER 3- BOARD MTG 10- Morning Perk 31 - Daytime Trick or Treat
FEBRUARY 1- BOARD MTG 8- Lunch & Learn - Goenner Consulting, LLC / MACC	MAY 2- BOARD MTG 9- Lunch & Learn	AUGUST 1- BOARD MTG 8- Special Programming	NOVEMBER 7- BOARD MTG 12- Morning Perk 29- Tree Lighting 30- Small Business Saturday
MARCH 7- BOARD MTG 14- After-Hours - First National Bank of Milaca	JUNE 6- BOARD MTG 20- Milaca Parade 27- Duffer's Delight Golf Tournament	SEPTEMBER 5- BOARD MTG 12- Joint PACCT / MACC Luncheon	DECEMBER 5- BOARD MTG 12- Member Appreciation / Annual Meeting



Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce
 Helping the Milaca Area Grow and Prosper all Seasons

CITY CALENDAR*

*Please remember this schedule is subject to change or cancellation.



2024

Milaca Sno Dayz

MEDALLION HUNT

Starting Mon. 1/29/2024 at 10:00 am

CLUES WILL BE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

City of Milaca
 Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce

Final clue Friday 2/2/2024 10:00 am

**\$100 cash prize when Medallion is brought to
 First National Bank of Milaca - Milaca Location**





- January 15, 2024**
- City Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 17, 2024**
- City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*
- February 19, 2024**
- City Offices Closed – President’s Day
- February 21, 2024**
- City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*
- March 21, 2024**
- City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

*All Open City Council Meetings are live streamed on our Facebook page

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Administrative Communications Specialist
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Julie David
Myla Tolmie

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