

MILACA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2016 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Milaca City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Harold Pedersen. Upon roll call the following Council members were present: Dillan, Muller, Gahm, and Johnson.

Staff present: Lerud, Gann-Olehy

Others present: Mark Meyer, Mark Beese, and Tom Kvamme.

Motion by Johnson, second by Gahm to approve the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the July 19 regular meeting.
2. General bills, 816167E-816174E, #42416-42420, #42493-42523, #42530-42599, totaling \$217,360.91; Liquor bills, 916026-916029E, #23728-23743, #23761-23762, #23775-23787, totaling \$216,892.75.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 23 POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION (entire text appears in Resolution book.)
4. City Treasurer's report.

Unanimous consent.

No one was present for citizen's forum.

Mayor Pedersen opened the public hearing on the Grandview Christian Home conduit debt refunding request. Mark Beese said he was from Northland Securities and they are underwriting the bond. He said that the City of Cambridge used their \$10 million bond allocation this year and was not able to work with Grandview, and he appreciated that Milaca was willing to do it. Mark Meyer, CFO for Grandview said they are going to be using the funds to renovate the older senior housing buildings on the west side of the Rum River in Cambridge. He said those buildings were constructed in the 1960s and 70s and they will be bringing them up to date and adding amenities.

There were no additional comments.

Mayor Pedersen closed the public hearing.

A letter from Phil Gravel, consulting engineer, was reviewed. Lerud said the bond issue to bring utilities to the school site west of the river failed at the legislature, but there is still a need to consider utilities west of the river. He said if the city wants to proceed with a project, the first statutory requirement is to prepare a preliminary engineer's report. If the city does not proceed for years, the information in this report will still be valid, and if there was an opportunity to move forward more quickly, the report will have already been completed. The cost of the study will be paid by the water and sewer funds.

Motion by Johnson, second by Dillan to accept the proposal contained in the engineer's letter for a price not to exceed \$4,000, unanimous consent.

Council member Gahm offered Resolution No. 16 – 24 and moved for its adoption, second by Johnson

RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT UP TO \$10,000,000, AT THE REQUEST OF GRANDVIEW CHRISTIAN HOME, AND APPROVING FORMS AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
(entire text appears in Resolution book)

Council member Muller asked if this was in any way an obligation of the city. Lerud this is not in any way an obligation of the City of Milaca. Mr. Beese said that the city is simply a conduit for Grandview Christian home to obtain tax exempt financing.

With no other discussion, all voted in favor.

Motion by Johnson, second by Muller to dispense with the first reading of Ordinance No. 420, hold the second reading, and for passage

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OPTING-OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 462.3593
(entire text appears in Resolution book)

Lerud said that there are many issues with temporary health care dwellings, particularly with the city's zoning regulations and also how to connect utilities to these units, that he recommended opting out of the statute requirements. He said it was probably well intentioned, but virtually impossible to implement. Council member Johnson said he saw many issues with the legislation and how to implement it. Upon voting all voted in favor.

Council member Gahm said the only issue on the agenda for the planning commission this month was the op-out ordinance.

Lerud said the economic development commission did not meet last month and they meet tomorrow morning.

Council member Muller said the fly in was very successful with over 100 planes flying in and over 700 served breakfast. He said the weather was perfect and it was a good event.

Mayor Pedersen said the stone work on the band shell has been complete. The caps are being casted and will be put in in two weeks. Bill was framing the curb for the walkway on the west side and only 40 more stones are available. Pedersen presented a list of in-kind stones that the Rum River Community Foundation recommended be provided. Among the organizations included were the Initiative Foundation, the Rum River Community Foundation, City of Milaca, and well as boulders for Operation Roundup and Knife River/MDU Resources for their larger contributions.

Motion by Muller, second by Johnson to approve the in-kind pavers and stone list as discussed, unanimous consent.

Mayor Pedersen said the playground is taking longer than planned, but hoped to have it up soon. He said he would like to see about improving the cameras in the surveillance system. He said the current cameras could be moved over to the building and better cameras could replace the ones by the band shell. Lerud said he would contact Jeff Brown. Council member Muller asked if there was a way to set the system up to send out an alert if there was movement. Lerud said he was not sure with the present system.

Council member Dillan said MCAT did not meet in August, but the will in September and begin planning Snow Dayz.

Lerud said that the portable radar unit has been ordered with a couple of mounting brackets. He said he had hoped it would be up before the meeting, but there is a delay in shipping it. He also said that he will have a foot patrol map at the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the old water tower. Mayor Pedersen suggested that a community committee be formed to gather ideas about what could be done with the tower, and that committee could work under the Community Foundation as a possible project. The consensus of the council was to ask the Community Foundation if they would be willing to sponsor planning for the future of the tower.

Motion by Muller, second by Dillan to approve the special event application from First National Bank, unanimous consent.

Motion by Dillan, second by Johnson to approve the temporary liquor license from Jiggers Grill & Bar for the Bank event, unanimous consent.

Mayor Pedersen called for Council comments. Council member Johnson said the historical society board approached him about being able to use space in the basement to store their donations. Lerud said he is checking with Burklund and was confident some space could be found.

Council member Muller asked if the liquor store sign could be raised. Lerud said no. The electronic display is lower than the last sign, but he said he and the liquor store manager have visited about the sign and he said that she believes the sign is highly effective. She said when she puts a product on that display, it sells. Lerud said the city did ask for a quote for another higher sign west of the store to reach Highway 169 traffic, but the cost was prohibitive. He said they are planning on revisiting that idea in a couple of years.

Council member Gahm said the fly-in was an outstanding event, and Riverview Park looks good. Lerud said he was originally going to wait, but the state will be participating in the cost so he had the work done this year.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Gahm, second by Johnson, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Harold Pedersen

ATTEST

Greg Lerud