

MILACA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2015 MEETING

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

Staff present: Lerud, Gann-Olehy, Toven

Others present: Brielle Bredsten, and four others from the Anoka Winter Knights

Motion by Dillan, second by Muller to approve the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the February 19 regular meeting
2. General bills, 815033E-815038, 815056E, #41078-41083, #41168-41179, #41183-41241, totaling \$97,452.62; Liquor bills, 915006E-915009E, #23201-23216, #23251-23263, totaling \$119,949.86.
3. RESOLUTION NO. 15 – 05 POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION (entire text appears in Resolution book.)
4. RESOLUTION NO. 15 – 06 RESOLUTION ASSESSING UNPAID WATER/SEWER BILL (entire text appears in Resolution book.)
5. RESOLUTION NO. 15 – 07 A RESOLUTION ASSESSING AN UNPAID WATER SERVICE CHARGE (entire text appears in Resolution book.)
6. Move June Council meeting to June 25 at 6:30
7. City Treasurer's report

All present voted in favor.

Mayor Pedersen opened citizen's forum and invited anyone to speak to an item not on the agenda. Mike Stewart from the Anoka Winter Knights said their club is one of the six clubs in the Rum River Trail Association. He presented a check in the amount of \$600 to the fire department for the purchase of a pager. The council thanked them for their donation.

No one else came forward.

There was no planning commission meeting in March.

Lerud said there was no economic development commission meeting in February, and they meet tomorrow morning.

Council member Muller said that Sylva has completed their tree harvesting work a bid has been received to do stump grinding and mulching. He said there is about fourteen acres to be done and if we do not do it now we will not be able to maintain it. He said the airport zoning requires that there be a 40-to-one slope, and the state is letting us maintain a 20-to-one slope. Lerud said he had correspondence with the DOT Regional Airport Engineer who said that the state would participate and he said the city

could proceed, with the only risk being the state would not agree to encumber funds. The engineer said that has never happened, but he wanted us to be aware of it. With no other discussion a motion was made by Muller, second by Johnson to accept the brush and chipping proposal as presented, all present voted in favor.

Mayor Pedersen said the parks commission items will be discussed later in the meeting.

Council member Dillan said MCAT has been busy. Snow Dayz softball and bowling were success and they will continue to build the event. He said the Got Time open house is April 9 at 5:30 at City Hall. He said there is good progress on the farmer's market and they are seeing some vendor commitments. Dillan said that they were successful in obtaining the Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant for active places, so there will be some activity downtown related to that grant.

Lerud said the community group has been meeting on the park bond project. He said the building and splash pad are coming together and they hoped to have plans to the council by the April meeting.

Mayor Pedersen said bids were received for the accessibility ramp at the band shell, and the bids were much higher than the available funds. He said the band shell committee and the community foundation both recommended rejecting the bids received. Pedersen shared a sketch for a revised plan that included a lift. There was discussion about this new plan. Council member Muller asked if a design build proposal was considered. Lerud said no, but he agreed that it might be the way to go on this project – give the contractor a little more freedom to determine how to get the work done, but still be done according to code. Motion by Johnson, second by Dillan to reject all the bids received for the band shell project, all present voted in favor.

The consensus of the council was to have Lerud contact the architect and work on a design build plan for the band shell ramp.

The proposed contract with the police union was discussed. Lerud said the union recently approved the agreement. Lerud went through all of the contract changes. Motion by Johnson, second by Muller to approve the contract as presented, all present voted in favor.

Mayor Pedersen called for council comments. Council member Dillan suggested that perhaps the Anoka Winter Knights could be a funding source for a defibulator in the new parks building.

Mayor Pedersen told the council that Jeff Hage's father passed away and that is why he was not at the meeting.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Muller, second by Dillan, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST

Greg Lerud, City Manager

Mayor Harold Pedersen