

**CITY OF MILACA
COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 21, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order Roll Call

Mayor Dillan called the meeting of the Milaca City Council to order at 6:39 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following council members were present: Mayor Dave Dillan, Councilors: Ken Muller, Norris Johnson, Lindsee Larsen. Laurie Gahm-absent.

Staff present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, Communications Specialist Mary Mickelson, Assistant City Clerk Deloris Katke, Police Chief Quinn Rasmussen, Fire Chief 1 Jesse Gerads

Others present: Karen Dalbey, Chloe Smith, Chris Carlson, Travis, Lynda and Maggie Westling

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the agenda. Larsen made a motion for approval, seconded by Muller. Mayor Dillan stated there was one addition to the agenda: 13(g) (a) Wedding Reception Variance Request. With no further discussion, all in favor of the approval of the agenda; motion passes.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the following items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes – January 17, 2024
- b. Approval of Bills
- c. Resolution #24-02 Appointing Election Judges and Designating Polling Hours And Location

Larsen made a motion for approval of Consent Agenda, seconded by Johnson. No further discussion. All in favor of the Consent Agenda; motion passes.

Citizen Open Forum

Mayor Dillan asked if anybody present wanted to address anything not on the agenda. No one came forward.

Public Hearings:

Requests and Communications:

Recognition for Attorney Damien Toven – Mayor Dillan presented City Attorney Damien Toven with appreciation plaques for his 5, 10 and 15 years of representing the city. Damien stated this year will be his 18th year and thanked the city for their support.

Proclamation for Maggie Westling – Mayor Dillan presented Maggie Westling with a Proclamation for her outstanding success in basketball and her positive representation and role model for Milaca school and community and proclaimed February 23, 2024 to be Maggie Westling Day in the City of Milaca.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions

City Manager –

Police - Incident Summary Report (Info. Only-No Action Needed). Chief Rasmussen stated that construction is done in the police department. He hopes to be able to replace 2 squad cars with the reserve budget and funding from the state to keep 4 in rotation to keep wear and tear down on the squads.

Parks –

Public Works -

Liquor Store –

Fire Department -- Fire Chief 1 Gerads stated the new fire truck is on order and they are just doing vehicle maintenance to get ready for the grass fire season.

Planning and Zoning - No meeting

Airport- Grant Application for Field Roller – Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the grant for the airport Field Roller. Motion to approve made by Muller, seconded by Johnson. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to approve the Grant Application for Field Roller passes.

Airport – Grant Application for Debris Blower - Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the grant for the airport Debris Blower. Motion to approve made by Muller, seconded by Johnson. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to approve the Grant Application for Debris Blower passes.

New Business-

Minor Lot Combination-Dave & Stefanie Dillan - Mayor Dillan explained that him and his wife had purchased the vacant lot north of their property on 4th Ave SE. After purchasing this lot, they found out there are actually 3 different parcels. So, combining all these lots will clean this up and would allow them to have one lot for the purpose of building a garage because the City of Milaca does not allow a garage on a lot without a primary structure. Mayor Dillan will be abstaining from this vote but did call for a motion to approve. Motion made by Larsen, seconded by Muller. No further discussion. All in favor with Mayor Dillan abstaining. Minor lot combination for Dave and Stefanie Dillan passes.

Lighthouse Special Event Application-Easter Egg Hunt – Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the Special Event Application for Lighthouse Easter Egg Hunt. Motion to approve made by Johnson, seconded by Muller. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to approve the Special Event Application for Lighthouse Easter Egg Hunt passes.

Rum River Life Choices Special Event Application-Fall Fundraiser - Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the Special Event Application for Rum River Life's Fall Fundraiser. Motion to approve made by Larsen, seconded by Johnson. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to approve the Special Event Application for Rum River Life Choices Fall Fundraiser passes.

3rd Lair Special Event Application-Demo and Band Showcase - Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the Special Event Application for 3rd Lair Demo and Band Showcase. Motion to approve made by Muller, seconded by Larsen. Mayor Dillan asked if they were the same event. Mary Mickelson explained the first event was for a demo and band showcase and the second event was an actual competition and per Gary Kirkeby, people come from all over the state for this. The city is hoping to get food trucks down there for this event. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to approve the Special Event Application for 3rd Lair Demo and Band Showcase passes.

3rd Lair Special Event Application-Summer Skate Series - Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the Special Event Application for 3rd Lair Summer Skate Series. Motion to approve made by Larsen, seconded by Muller. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to approve the Special Event Application for 3rd Lair Summer Skate Series passes.

League of MN Cities Tort Municipal Liability – City Manager Pfaff stated that we do not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. Mayor Dillan called for a motion to not waive the tort liability. Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Larsen. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to not waive monetary limits on municipal tort liability passes.

Construction Agreement between City of Milaca and Borgholm Twp-Airport Road Federal Grant Project Number B-23-CP-MN-0884 – Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion made by Muller, seconded by Johnson. Mayor Dillan asked if Chris Carlson had any questions and he stated he just wanted to see this thing done. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to approve Construction Agreement between City of Milaca and Borgholm Twp-Airport Road Federal Grant Project Number B-23-CP-MN-0884 passes.

May 25, 2024 Wedding Reception Variance Request – request from Marcus Hanenburg and Hannah Hippe to extend hours to midnight with music to continue until 11:45 p.m. Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion made by Muller, seconded by Larsen. Councilmember Johnson asked if music was inside or outside and Mayor Dillan stated inside. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion to approve request from Marcus Hanenburg and Hannah Hippe to extend hours to midnight with music to continue until 11:45 p.m. passes.

Closed Meeting for Potential Land Purchase – Mayor Dillan read the script for Closed Meeting-Potential Land Purchase Intent. Mayor Dillan called for a motion to close the city council meeting. Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Muller. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to close city council meeting passes.

Time Closed: 6:54 p.m.


Mayor Dillan called for a motion to adjourn the closed portion of the meeting and go back into open session. Motion made by Larsen, seconded by Muller to open the city council meeting.

Time Opened: 7:22 p.m.

Council Comments

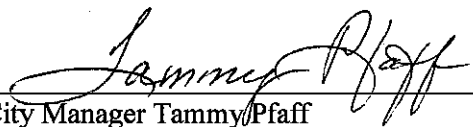
Adjourn:

Mayor Dillan called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Muller, seconded by Johnson to adjourn. No further discussion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Mayor Dave Dillan

Attest:



City Manager Tammy/Pfaff