

**CITY OF MILACA
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 19, 2022**

Call to Order Roll Call

Mayor Pedersen called the regular meeting of the Milaca City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Upon roll call, the following council members were present: Mayor Pedersen; Councilors: Dave Dillan, Norris Johnson, and Lindsee Larsen. Councilors Absent: Cory Pedersen

Staff Present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, City Attorney Damien Toven, Police Chief Quinn Rasmussen, Public Works Supervisor Gary Kirkeby.

Others Present: City Engineer Phil Gravel, Trevor Harting, and Paul Allegra.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Dillan. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Approval of the Minutes – December 15, 2021

Mayor Pedersen moved the minutes down on the agenda.

Approval of Bills

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the bills. Motion by Larsen for approval of the bills. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Open Forum

Requests, Communications, Petitions and Complaints

Update State –

Update County –

Update Townships –

Trevor Harting and Paul Allegra were present to give the council an update on the Urgent Care Center that will be opening soon. They discussed that Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the last insurance contract they need and asked for a letter of support from the city. Council directed the city manager to prepare and send the letter of support. They had questions on the zoning and it was confirmed that a clinic is allowed in this zoning district.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 22-01 – Donations Veterans Memorial. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson to approve Veterans Memorial Donations. Larsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Resolution 22-02 – Annual Appointments. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Dillan for approval. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Resolution 22-03 – Donation from ECE for the Fire Department. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions

City Manager – Informed the council that the Utility Billing position has been filled and will start on January 31.

Police – Activity report. Union Contract: Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the contract. Motion by Dillan for approval. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Parks Commission –

Public Works – Agreement for the division of grading responsibilities for Township Roadway.

Council discussion on the agreement brought no changes to the contract as presented in council packet. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the agreement Motion by Johnson for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Public Works – Approve Plans and Specification for the 2022 Street Project. Phil Gravel discussed the project with council. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Public Works – 2021 Street Project Payment #4 to Kuechle Underground \$39,334.29. Phil Gravel informed the council that Centerpoint Energy wants to do some work in 2022 before the pavement is done. Phil also stated the lights will be put up at the end of January. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Larsen for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Liquor Store –

Fire Department – New gym equipment purchase and flooring in the amount of \$20,000 from Johnson Fitness & Wellness quote. This will be paid from the equipment reserve fund. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Dillan for approval. Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pedersen called for motion for a budget amendment. Motion by Dillan for approval. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Planning Commission – City Planning and Zoning Consultant Phil Carlson regarding the city industrial district allowing of Brew Pubs, Brewer Taprooms serving on the premises of a brewery. Council directed the issue to Planning and Zoning to review.

Police Department – Quinn informed the council that they are currently looking into the possibility of doing passports. Quinn stated the county is discontinuing this in February and the county contacted us to see if we are interested in doing passports. Quinn stated this could bring in additional revenue of an estimated \$14,000 or more a year. Council was in favor of this service.

Personnel – Discussion about a park attendant and that a meeting should be set up soon with the Parks Commission or a representative of the Parks Commission to discuss the position.

Airport –

Budget Committee –

Tourism – Dillan commented on the videos that Brodey Pedersen has made and would like to see if the Tourism Board would be interested in hiring him for videos.

Unfinished Business

Fairview Update – Dillan stated he has a meeting with John from Fairview and they are looking for a spot for a Fairview resource person to be located in the school or the senior center.

COVID-19 – Mayor Pedersen insisted the council have a policy on COVID-19. After much discussion, other council members were not in favor of a policy, and took no action on the matter.

Minutes – Mayor Pedersen questioned sections of the minutes. Council discussed the items and no changes were made to the minutes. Johnson introduced a motion to approve the minutes. Dillan seconded the motion. Mayor Pederson called a roll call vote. Larsen, yes. Dillan, yes. Johnson, yes. Mayor Pedersen, no. Motion carried.

New Business

DAC Cleaning Services Contracts – Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Mayor Pedersen requested to add the phrase “and weekends” to the contract for when services are not provided. Mayor Pedersen called for a friendly amendment to the motion. Motion by Johnson for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Miscellaneous

Council Comments

Mayor Pedersen –

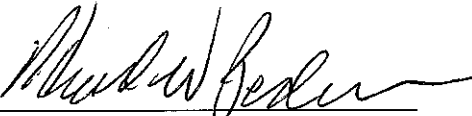
Larsen –

Dillan – Thanked the Public Works Department for their work the water main break.

Johnson – Thanked the Public Works Department for all they do. Also thanked Deloris for her personal attention for the water leak. Johnson commented on the water meter purchase and the money does not come from the levy but is paid from the water fund.


Adjourn

With no other business presented before the council, Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Johnson to adjourn. Larsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Mayor Harold Pedersen

ATTEST:



City Manager Tammy Pfaff