

**CITY OF MILACA
COUNCIL MINUTES
July 21, 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 Harold Pedersen; Councilors: Dave Dillan, Norris Johnson, and Ken Muller. Councilors Absent: Lindsee Larsen.

Staff Present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, City Attorney Damien Toven, Assistant City Clerk Deloris Katke, Police Chief Quinn Rasmussen, Administrative Communications Specialist Mary Mickelson, Public Works/Events Coordinator Mark Wubben, Public Works: Warne Johnson and John Oldenburg, and Fire Chief Jesse Gerads.

Others Present: Dan Hollenkamp, James Gerads, Chloe Smith, Travis Johnson, Dayna Hillcrest, Steve Hage, Sue Hage, and Airport Engineer Nick Grahek.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion for approval from Johnson. Dillan seconded the motion. City Manager asked to add the Water Meter Contract under Public Works, item (d). Mayor Pedersen added to the agenda Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal to discuss the portable toilets and Rec Fest update. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to amend the agenda. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Muller. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Approval of the Minutes – June 21, 2022

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Johnson to approve the minutes. Dillan seconded the motion. Mayor Pedersen requested the June 21 minutes be amended regarding the June 6 minutes. City Manager requested he write down the changes and send them to the City Manager. Motion to amend the minutes. Motion by Dillan and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Approval of Bills

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

Open Forum

Travis Johnson – Mille Lacs County Sheriff candidate. Travis informed the council that he is running for sheriff and his history with Mille Lacs County.

Dayna Hillcrest – Discussed with council the Rum River bank and asked the council to not mow the vegetation from the riverbanks.

Requests, Communications, Petitions and Complaints

Update State – Airport Road funding has been approved in the first draft. Stauber will continue to advocate for this project.

Update County –

Update Townships –

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 22-27 – Resolution Assessing Mowing Cost.

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

Resolution 22-28 – Resolution for Donations to Rec Fest. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Muller for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Resolution 22-29 – Resolution Reaffirming the Censuring of Mayor Harold Pedersen; Requesting His Resignation from Office and Setting Forth Protective Provisions for City Staff. Mayor Pedersen moved this resolution and item (h) to later in the meeting.

Ordinance No. 494 Chapter 30 Amending Sections of Ordinance Second Reading. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. After discussion on section 30.01 (A) council removed from the ordinance in the first sentence, (and tourism). Motion by Dillan to amend the ordinance. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Ordinance No. 495 Chapter 31 Amending Boards, Commissions, and Departments Second Reading. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Muller for approval. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion on the ordinance by council was to change section 31.76 in the second sentence to remove the word regular. Johnson made a motion to amend the ordinance. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Ordinance No. 496 Adopting a Supplement to the Code, First Reading. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Muller for approval. Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to suspend the first reading. Motion by Johnson to suspend first reading and adopt Ordinance No. 496. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Temporary Liquor Licenses. New liquor laws were reviewed as to growlers. It was discussed that temporary liquor licenses are sent to the state.

Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions
City Manager –

Police – Activity Report. State of Minnesota Joint Powers agreement with Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion for approval by Johnson. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members. Court Data Services Amendment to CJDN Subscriber (three year) Agreement. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion for approval by Muller. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Parks –

Public Works – Activity report.

Public Works – Water Meter Contract. 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 – 2022 Street Improvement Contractors pay request No. 1. \$ 350,621.62. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson for approval. Muller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Liquor Store – No activity.

Fire Department – Jesse stated the Golf Tournament was a success. Jesse also informed the council about the future purchase of a UTV, but have not received enough in donations to cover the cost. Jesse stated we have received \$25,000 from Benton County and \$10,000 from First National and they need \$65,000.

Planning Commission – Minor Lot Split for Friday Bay Inc. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson for approval. Muller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Airport – Apron Reconstruction Pay Request # 1. \$128,874.67. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Muller for approval. Dillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Personnel Committee –

Budget Committee –

Tourism –

EDC –

Unfinished Business

Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal – Discussion in regards to the vandalizing of the portable toilets and the Gorecki Center. Council directed the City Manager, upon a motion by Dillan, seconded by Johnson, to turn all of the cost into insurance from Jim's portable toilets and the damage to the Gorecki Center. If insurance does not cover it, then the city will reimburse Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

RecFest Update – City staff will handle registration and gate admission.

New Business

Special Event Application – 125th City Celebration Events for the Lumber Jack Show, Kids Event, and Craft Fair August 26 and 27. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Johnson for approval. Larsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Temporary Off Premise Sales for Existing On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License. –Timber Valley Grill for the First National Bank 125th Celebration concert. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Dillan for approval. Muller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

Agreement between Mid-MN Inspections and the City of Milaca Renewal. The City Manager distributed a handout for the agreement to run until the end of this year and renew at the November meeting so the contract can be on our fiscal calendar year. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion for approval. Motion by Muller for approval. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call of all council members.

City Employee Compensation. Johnson discussed with council the City Manager taking on extra duties with the treasurer resigning and thought there should be some additional compensation. No action was taken and the City Manager is directed to track her hours.

Resolution 22-29 A Resolution Reaffirming the Censuring of Mayor Harold Pedersen: Requesting His Resignation from Office and Setting Forth Protective Provisions for City Staff. Motion by Johnson to approve Resolution 22-29. Muller seconded the motion. Council had a long, detailed discussion and debate as to this resolution. Johnson made a motion to end the long debate. Muller seconded the motion to end debate. Council voted three to one to end debate. Council proceeded to vote on Resolution 22-29. Council members voting Yes on Resolution 22-29; Muller, Dillan, Johnson. Mayor Pedersen abstained on the vote. Motion carries to approve Resolution 22-29. Due to length of the council discussion, details of this discussion can be viewed via the city Facebook and taped recording of the meeting.

Council Comments

Johnson – Mentioned to the Mayor that he said was going to resign.

Muller – Stated the city employees have a positive morale.

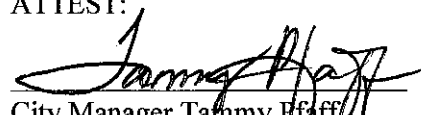
Adjourn

With no other business presented before the council, motion by Johnson to adjourn. Muller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Dave Dillan, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager Tammy Haff