

## MILACA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 2020

MEETING-Via Zoom

### Call to Order Roll Call

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

**Staff Present:** City Manager Tammy Pfaff, Damien Toven, Police Chief Quinn Rasmussen, and Mary Mickelson.

Also Present:

### Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the agenda. City Manager requested to add **Resolution 20-18 Summary Public of Ordinance No. 458**. Motion by Johnson to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Larsen. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Dillan and seconded by C. Pedersen to add Resolution 20-18 Summary Publication to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### Consent Agenda

Motion by Johnson, second by Dillan to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- a) Minutes of the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting.
- b) Approval of Bills
- c) **Resolution 20-16** Donation. Upon a motion by Larsen and seconded by Dillan, Motion carried unanimously.
- d) **Resolution 20-17** 3.2 Liquor License Coborn's-Holiday Stations.  
Mayor Pedersen discussed with council that the 14 days of paid leave for the COVID-19 would expire within 30 days and placed the topic under old business on the agenda.

### Citizens Forum

### Requests and Communications

### Ordinances and Resolutions

**Ordinance No. 458-First Reading- City Council Continuance of a Local Emergency.** First reading upon a motion by C. Pederson and seconded by Dillan. Motion carried unanimously. First reading is suspended and the second reading adopted the Ordinance as read, upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Dillan. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 459-Adopting the Supplement to the Code of Ordinances.** Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 459. Upon a motion by Larsen and seconded by Johnson the Ordinance is approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 20-18 Summary Publication of Ordinance No 458.** Motion by Johnson and seconded by Larsen approving the publication. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pedersen called for a special meeting to pass an additional ordinance to do a continuance of the local emergency as Ordinance No. 458 will expire before the next city council meeting. Mayor Pedersen placed this item under new business.

### **Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions**

**Police Department** — Council reviewed the monthly report. Oath of Officer Quinn Rasmussen.

**Parks Commission** — No Meeting.

**Public Works Department** — Activity report review. Council discussed if the playgrounds should stay open. It was the consensus of the council to keep them open and post signs for social distancing.

**Planning and Zoning Commission** – No meeting.

**Economic Development Commission**- No meeting on April 20th.

### **Fire Department**

**Liquor Store** — Vicki requested hazard pay for the staff at the liquor store. Council discussed the adjustment of current wages to increase \$1.50 with the approval of the budget adjustment. Upon a motion by Dillan and seconded by Larsen. Motion carried unanimously.

**RRCF- Rum River Community Foundation** — Dillan announced the Rum River Community Foundation has set up an emergency response fund and so far they have given out \$12,000 and you can get to the web site at “GiveMinn.org”.

**Old Business**- Extension of the 14 day paid COVID-19 leave pay. Upon a motion by C. Pedersen to extend the leave until the May regular council meeting and revisit the leave at each council meeting. Motion was seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business- Call for Special Meeting**- Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to set a special council meeting for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to extend the emergency declaration, and to discuss the county project with the invite for the county to attend this meeting. Upon a motion by Dillan and seconded by Johnson the special meeting is set. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pedersen call for a motion to discuss the water and sewer and review the proposal he prepared to forgive all bills for the upcoming month. Upon a motion by C. Pedersen and seconded by Johnson to discuss water and sewer bills. Mayor Pedersen went over his proposal with council and explained the revenues and expenditures and the plan would remove the depreciation and the loss would come from the donation funds. The city attorney explained that the waiving of the utility bills could have ramifications that could affect bonding and it would be conceived as giving away public funds. The city attorney stated no other cities are doing this and would like to check with the bonding company and look into this further. Council discussed the matter and they were not ready to make a decision. Upon a motion by Johnson to table the matter. The motion was seconded by Larsen. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pedersen wanted all council members to come up with ideas for the next meeting.

Council Comments- Johnson- no comment.

C. Pedersen- thanked Quinn and thanks to the community for viewing the council meeting on Facebook.

Dillan- thanked Mary and Tammy for keeping the city website updated with the resources for businesses.  
Announced the "Be the Light" program to turn on the lights on the football field for the seniors on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Larsen- no comment.

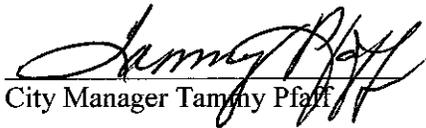
**Adjourn**

With no other business presented before the council, Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to adjourn and a motion was made by Larsen and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Mayor Harold Pedersen

ATTEST:



City Manager Tammy Pfaff