

**MILACA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING**

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, Lindsee Larsen, and Cory Pedersen. Councilors Absent: Dave Dillan

Staff Present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, City Treasurer Tracy Gann-Olehy, Police Chief Todd Quaintance, Police Officer Craig Elgin, and Public Works Supervisor Gary Kirkeby.
Also Present: Tim Hennagir, Jesse Gerads, and Tim and Karen Poorker.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Ogilvie contract to be placed under unfinished business. Motion by C. Pedersen to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Minutes of the November 21, 2019 City Council Meetings
- b) Approval of Bills
- c) Resolution 19-54 Accepting Donations

Citizens Forum — Tim Poorker presented drawings for the Veterans Memorial. The Veterans Memorial Commission hired an engineer, Short, Elliott and Hendrickson, for the project. A topographical survey of the site will be done in the spring of 2020. They are beginning to work on finding a grant writer and have set a budget of \$300,000 for the project. The commission has voted to raise \$100,000 before starting the project. They are working on a memorandum of understanding between the commission, the City, and Rum River Community Foundation. They will be selling commemorative bricks for \$100 each. The project has a five year timeline.

Requests and Communications —

Public Hearing-Truth in Taxation — Mayor Pedersen opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. He explained that the increase to the levy was 2%. No citizens came forward to comment or ask questions. There were no comments from the Council. Mayor Pedersen closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 19-55 — Resolution Approving 2020 Liquor and Tobacco Licenses. Upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Larsen the Resolution is passed. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 19-56 — Resolution Approving 2020 Liquor Tax Levy and Final Budget. Upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Larsen the Resolution is passed. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions

Police Department — Council reviewed the monthly report.

Parks Commission — Public Works Supervisor Gary Kirkeby reviewed with council the park items to be approved for purchase from the donation funds. Approved purchases: skate park additional concrete for \$16,000 upon a motion by C. Pedersen and seconded by Larsen. Motion carried unanimously. Cross Country Ski Trail Groomer recommended by Craig Billings approved upon a motion by Larsen and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Track Bobcat Skidsteer for \$24,000 upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by C. Pedersen. Motion carried unanimously. C. Pedersen made a motion to set aside \$150,000 of the 3rd donation for future maintenance and new projects. That motion was seconded by Larsen and the motion carried unanimously. Cindy Biederman requested \$500 to organize a candlelight ski and it was approved on a motion by C. Pedersen and seconded by Johnson. The motion carried unanimously. Kirkeby stated that Baas Construction will begin framing the Gorecki addition on Monday, December 23rd. In addition, the ice rink was flooded but the opening will be weather dependent since temperatures are expected to be too warm for ice skating for a while.

Public Works Department — Activity report review. Gary stated that they experienced the first water main break of the season in the 600 block of 2nd Ave SE. He also requested to replace the loader/tractor. The purchase would be on the State bid and fits into the capital improvement plan. The old equipment would be traded in for a value of \$44,000. The current equipment is 15 years old. Motion by Larsen and seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Commission — No meeting held. Tammy informed the Council that demo permits were picked up for the hazardous building discussed at the last meeting.

Economic Development Commission — No meeting held.

Fire Department — Jesse Gerads stated that they picked up the tanker/pumper. He also stated that Fire Chief Craig Billings is retiring from the department on December 31, 2019.

MCAT-IF —

Joint Powers Board —

Unfinished Business – Ogilvie Contract — Mayor Pedersen commented that he heard from Mark Nilson with concerns about the transition from Milaca being their Clerk/Treasurer to the staff they have appointed. The personnel committee will meet to discuss the concerns on Friday, December 27th.

New Business —

Council Comments — C. Pedersen thanked Tracy Gann-Olehy for her years serving the citizens of Milaca since she has resigned her position. He also encouraged citizens with comments or concerns to directly contact any member of the City Council instead of posting negative comments on social media. Concerns can be more positively handled if expressed directly.

Adjourn

With no other business presented before the council, Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to adjourn and a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by C. Pedersen. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Harold Pedersen

ATTEST:

City Manager Tammy Pfaff