

## MILACA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### Special Meeting

May 15, 2020

MEETING-Via Zoom

#### **Call to Order Roll Call**

The special meeting of the Milaca City Council was called to order at 3:00 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, Mary Mickelson and Quinn Rasmussen.  
Also Present: Tim Hennagir and Phil Gravel.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve the agenda, but would move the county project discussion under New Business. Motion by C. Pedersen to approve the agenda as revised, the motion was seconded by Larsen. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business-**

**County CSAH 2 Project-** Council reviewed the summary of the bids for the project as given to the city in an email from the county engineer Greg Andersen. The project bids received are:

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| Landwehr Construction  | \$2,463,365.28 |
| J.R. Ferche, Inc.      | \$2,711,460.97 |
| OMG Minnesota Paving   | \$2,871,505.78 |
| Aspen Const Company    | \$2,900,000.00 |
| C & L Excavating, Inc. | \$2,924,927.75 |
| Veit & Company, Inc.   | \$2,987,209.95 |

Mayor Pedersen asked what the engineers estimate was for the storm water cost for the county's share. The city manager stated it was \$229,662.90. City manager reviewed the breakdown from the county engineer. Mobilization- \$42,000.00 Sanitary- \$ 101,791, Storm Sewer- \$93,134, Watermain- \$184,540 and lighting- \$43,829. The city will meet with the county on May 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project costs.

#### **New Business-**

Letter to Governor Tim Walz and state representatives. The city manager reviewed with council the letter that will be sent to the governor. Mayor Pedersen also commented that the chamber has sent a letter to the governor. Council reviewed the Governor's Executive Order 20-56. The city attorney commented on the follow up from the League of Minnesota cities regarding cities that would defy the governor's orders would not have any LMCIT coverage for this type of litigation and would have to pay the cost of defending the city out of its own pocket. Council also reviewed the Department of Public Safety document and also discussed those that defy the order may also be investigated by the Alcohol and Gambling. The city manager informed the council of the impacts it would create with the bonding company and that we could lose our AA rating and then we would pay higher interest on future bonds. The city manager also went over what the businesses that have a bar and restaurant would need to increase their liquor liability and general liability insurance to \$1,000,000 and list the city as an additional

insured should any business use city property. Liquor licenses would also have to be changed to allow liquor sales outside and have a written contract with the business agreeing to indemnify the city in the event of a loss. Council discussed that the council would not defy the governor's order, but would send a letter and pass the resolution supporting the businesses. Council discussed the possibility of putting picnic tables up at businesses and council was in favor of helping. Upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Dillan to supply picnic tables to businesses. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pedersen called for a motion to approve **Resolution 20-21 Declaring Milaca a Business Friendly Community**. A motion by Johnson to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Dillan. Cory commented on the fourth whereas and recommended the word catastrophe be replaced with the words executive order. Resolution amended upon a motion by C. Pedersen and seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson commented on changing the language in the last paragraph on page one, that stated that our non-critical businesses be allowed to open immediately, instead of as soon as possible. Resolution amended upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Larsen. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn** Motion carried unanimously.

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 Dillan. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

  
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Mayor Harold Pedersen

ATTEST:

  
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City Manager Tammy Pfaff