

MILACA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2018 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 Dillan, Gahm and Johnson.

Councilors Absent: Muller

Staff present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, City Attorney Damien Toven, Police Chief Todd Quaintance, Fire Chief Craig Billings, Building Official Marshall Lind.

Also Present (Signed In) Debbie Griffin, Mary Stimmler, Sherie Billings, Steve Wunderlich, Jan Jude, Andrea Mikla.

Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Muller, the agenda was approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Dillan, second by Gahm, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- a) Minutes of the August 16, 2018 City Council Meeting and August 22, 2018 Special Meeting.
- b) Bills for Payment
- c) **Resolution 18-37** Opposing Strong Beer, Spirits and Wine Sold for Off Premise Consumption at Any Outlet Within City Limits.
- d) **Resolution 18-38** Adopt Expense Report of Cost Incurred Enforcing the Hazardous Building at 560 5th Street SE
- e) **Resolution 18-39** Assessing Hazardous Building Expenses for Property at 560 5th Street SE
- f) **Resolution 18-40** Assess Unpaid Fire Department Charges \$250.00- Eggen
- g) **Resolution 18-41** Assess Unpaid Fire Department Charges \$2,717.53-Schwartz

Citizens Forum- Council recognized Darryl Stimmler's 35 years of service even though he was unable to attend the council meeting. Jan Jude was present to address the council as to the upcoming election and updated the council as to the reasons why she is running for county attorney.

Public Hearing – Reassessment of Tax Forfeited Land-Fieldstone Greene. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:40 p.m. Steve Wunderlich was present to discuss the reassessment in the subdivision of Fieldstone Greene. Wunderlich thought the assessments were forgiven. Mayor Pedersen stated the assessments were never forgiven and the city has always been able to reassess the properties. The City Attorney commented to Wunderlich that had he done a 40 year title search, it would have revealed the history and assessments and the possibility of reassessments for this property and that just calling to ask if there was an assessment on the property was not sufficient. The City Manager commented that it would have been a true statement that when a call was made to city hall, the property did not have an assessment because it was tax forfeited property and the city cannot reassess the property until it is sold. After additional debate the City Council then closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Pedersen proceeded to Resolutions 18-42 and Resolution 18-43. Upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Gahm Resolution 18-42 is approved. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 18-43 is introduced adopting the recertification of assessments of street improvements for Fieldstone Greene. Upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Gahm. Resolution 18-43 is approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests and Communications-

Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions

Police Department- Council reviewed the monthly report. There was discussion of trespass for Rec Park for vagrancy at the park and another trespass at city hall for terroristic threats. Chief Quaintance requested the trespass be for a period of one year. The council, upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Gahm, approved both trespasses for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pedersen asked about the dog bites that are now at the one year mark. Chief Quaintance stated that they have conducted interviews with the victim and the surrounding neighborhood and have had no incidents. Mayor Pedersen stated that this does not need to come before the council at the October meeting since there have been no incidents.

Parks Commission- Mayor Pedersen reported on the Parks Commission meeting. Mayor Pedersen would like to see the hockey rink being replaced yet this year.

Public Works Department- Council reviewed the activity report as presented. The City Manager reported that the old water tower project is scheduled to start the week of September 24th, weather permitting.

Planning and Zoning Commission- No meeting in August

Economic Development Commission- The minutes were presented before the council.

Fire Department- Request to increase the benefit level reports was before the council. The council approved the benefit level to be set at \$3,000 and that it will be effective on January 1st, 2019. A motion was introduced by Gahm to approve the benefit level increase. The motion was then seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Commission- The minutes were presented before the council along with the engineers notes for the Airport Layout Plan.

MCAT –

Unfinished Business –

New Business-

LMC Liability Coverage Wavier form. The city elected not to waive the monetary limit on tort liability upon a motion by Johnson and seconded by Gahm. Motion carried unanimously.

Land Purchase- Walters property PID 21-561-0110 for an amount of \$35,000. Mayor Pedersen called for a motion. Gahm introduced a motion to proceed with the purchase of the property for \$35,000 and have the city attorney prepare the legal documents. The motion was then seconded by Dillan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Comments

Mayor Pedersen asked the council for comments:

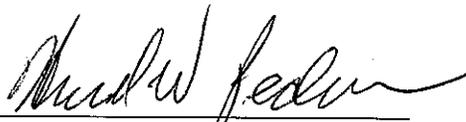
Council member Johnson- commented in regards to Darryl and that he was the go to guy.

Council member Dillan- agreed with Johnson in regards to Darryl. Dillan also commented that they will have 160 schools attending the Mega Meet.

Mayor Pedersen commented that the staff had a retirement party for Darryl and he was given a plaque with a grader on it and thanked him for his years of service.

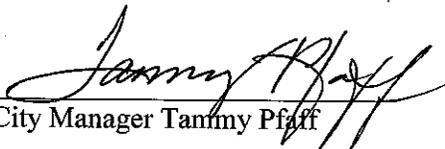
Adjourn

With no other business presented before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Gahm, seconded by Dillan, all present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor Harold Pedersen

ATTEST



City Manager Tammy Pfaff