

**MINUTES OF A VIA HYBRID ZOOM WORK SESSION OF THE
MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT
6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL 147 WABASH STREET
MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Hamden called the work session to order at 6:38 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hamden, Pro-Tem Kolar, Council Members Baldwin, Gee, Gilson, Kerkes and Nie.

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Karen Kovacs, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, MIS/Communications Director John Koehler, and Building/Zoning Steve Bredernitz.

OTHERS PRESENT:

AGENDA:

A. MAFD Fire Station Financing Discussion.

B. Any Matters that may legally come before Council

City Administrator Karen Kovacs presented on the Milan Area Fire Department (MAFD) Fire Station. The MAFD is currently in the early stages of discussion regarding the acquisition of property and the construction of a new facility. The MAFD serves four different municipalities. At the instruction of the MAFD Executive Board, each municipality was to discuss the potential project with each of their respective Boards/Councils to determine their ability and/or interest in funding the project. Per those instructions, City Administrator Kovacs, Mayor Hamden and Fire Chief Stevens presented a synopsis of the progress to date and gave a brief overview of the potential financial commitment involved. City Administrator Kovacs and City Attorney Steve Mann spoke to their concerns and provided clarification about the risks involved. Council raised several questions about the project as a whole and the financial status of the other communities involved. It was agreed upon by all members of Council that the City of Milan may be the most appropriate municipality to take on this financial burden. All members of Council agreed to move forward with the necessary research into the available funding for this project should the MAFD Executive Board also agree that the City of Milan is the appropriate choice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Josh Kofflin spoke.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Gee to adjourn work session at 7:42 pm.

Dominic Hamden, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk