

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
VIA ZOOM ON DECEMBER 28, 2020 FROM
MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Hamden called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY: Mayor Hamden from the City Hall, Pro-Tem Kolar from home in Monroe County, City of Milan, Council Members Baldwin from home in Washtenaw County, City of Milan, Gee from home in Monroe County, City of Milan, Gilson from home in Washtenaw County, City of Milan, Kerkes from home in Washtenaw County, City of Milan, and Nie from home in Washtenaw County, City of Milan.

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT REMOTELY: City Administrator Karen Kovacs, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Treasurer Sarah Finch, City Attorney Steve Mann, Police Chief Donald Tillery, MIS/Communications Director John Koehler, Building/Zoning Steve Bredernitz, DPW Director Stan Kirton, and Main Street Director Jill Tewsley. Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell-Excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: REMOTELY: Josh Kofflin, Martha Churchill, Kelsea Nie, F&V James Green, Dutch Nie, Jennifer Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: December 28, 2020

Motion to approve the agenda by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Kolar.
Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2020 - Work Session
December 14, 2020 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Baldwin, to approve the meeting minutes with an amendment of Regular Meeting starting time from 630 pm to 7:30 pm, seconded by Councilmember Kolar.
Motion carried unanimously

BRIEF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A discussion was held on the Water and Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: (5-minute time limit per person)

- A. **Residents:** None
- B. **Non-Residents:** None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. **Receive and file Milan Area Fire Department September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes.**

Motion by Councilmember Kerkes, seconded by Councilmember Gee to approve Consent Agenda item A.
Motion carried unanimously

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. **None.**

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$328,926.17

Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to pay the bills.
Motion carried unanimously

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CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: (3-minute time limit per person)

- 1. Residents:** None
- 2. Non-Residents:** None

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

All of City Staff, Mayor and City Council wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Administrator Kovacs announced City Hall Holiday closures, December 31 and January 1. She thanked F&V, DPW and I.T. Director Koehler on working together on a recent water break. Ms. Kovacs commended Parks and Rec Director Bell and the Youth Council on a fantastic job with "Letters to Santa" project. She shared her admiration for the beautifully decorated downtown and thanked Heath Lawn Care for the Tolan Square Christmas Tree donation.

Police Chief Tillery announced that extra patrols will be out for the Holiday and cautioned everyone to not drink and drive.

City Treasurer Finch shared her appreciation for City Administrator Kovacs and Mayor Hamden. She extended her support to all department heads for all their hard work.

Mainstreet Director Tewsley announced they will be bringing a new winterization improvement to Tolan Square. She provided the Holiday progress of the downtown business and shared upcoming events. Ms. Tewsley congratulated Debbie Split on her win of "Win the Window" Holiday contest.

DPW Director Kirton thanked his department for their hard work on the Christmas Holidays and for being pulled away from their families.

Councilmember Gee thanked participants for trees downtown. She would like to see the parade and Santa ride around the City for an additional night.

Councilmember Baldwin shared his admiration for all the Christmas decorations throughout the city. He commended Jill Tewsley on her hard work providing and finding ways to support to the downtown.

Councilmember Kerkes congratulated Jill Tewsley for a successful downtown Holiday season. Northern Chic's had reported it was her best year ever despite the pandemic.

Councilmember Nie thanked James Green and F & V for the discussion and hopes his comments didn't cause hurt feelings as he feels they were not directed at any one person.

Councilmember Gilson also shared his admiration for all the Christmas decorations throughout the city. He commended City Administrator Kovacs, DPW Director Kirton, and Mayor Hamden on everything they are doing in and for the City, he understands and appreciates the City Council for trying to do what's right for the residents.

Mayor Hamden reflected on the challenging times of 2020, as no past Mayor, City Council, or Department Head has ever had to invent new ways to continue progress and communication through a pandemic like we have. He encouraged all to support and lift each other up during these difficult times and press forward to a better New Year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Monday, December 28, 2020 (Agenda Item Submission Deadline, December 23, 2020)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Gilson, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to adjourn meeting at 9:45 P.M. Motion carried unanimously

Dominic Hamden, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk