

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL, 100 MAIN ST, MILO, IOWA – MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 7:00 p.m. Council answering roll call: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Kinser was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was administered.

Motion by Moulds to approve the agenda. Second by Mason. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Motion by Moulds to approve the consent agenda with one correction excluding the Sheriff's Report and to include all council meeting minutes of November 16, 2020 that have been corrected; and accounts payable from November 17 – December 7, 2020 in the amount of \$249,458.79; and the November 2020 Bank Reconciliation Report. Second by Mason. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved.

Council discussed FY2022 budget item submitted by Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency. Motion by Uttley to approve a capital match of \$1,534 to the HIRTA transportation for the services it provides for Milo citizens. Second by Graham. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved.

Old business: Nancy Buss of Hall Engineering attended and gave information regarding preparation of the facility plan for the wastewater update and introduced Lenny Larsen of ISG who will be partnering with Hall Engineering for the wastewater update and alternatives for the updated facility. Buss stated that there was a meeting with the DNR and the next step is preparing the wastewater facility plan for submittal to the DNR. After discussion, motion by Graham to approve the preparation of the Milo Wastewater Facility Plan for the sum of \$20,000 and to approve the possible anti-degradation analysis (if required) in the amount of \$15,000. Second by Uttley. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Next, Scott Weimans, owner of Nutriject presented information regarding the dredging and cleaning of the lagoons and his company's role in that. Nancy Buss stated that are 3 farms identified and that they would contact the owners to start the conversation. Then after discussion, motion by Moulds to approve Hall Engineering creating an RFP for the dredging and piping of sludge and securing quotes or the dredging of the lagoons. Second by Mason. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Mayor Hall tabled the Centennial Ballpark Lighting to the next meeting due to Joe Kinser being absent.

Doug Hembry reported that the holiday pole lighting is in place and the park tree decorations are installed. Also, the wood and metal pipe climber in City Park was repaired. We are waiting on a bid for the new playground edging for the East playground in City Park. Hembry stated that the majority of the gravel has been installed after the asphalt paving. Today started the installation of overhead airlines in the Fire Station for the brake systems on the trucks.

Council Departmental reports were as follows: Kinser-public safety: absent. Moulds-utilities: no report/questions. Graham-parks: no report/questions. Uttley-streets: no report/questions. Mason-general items: no report/questions.

Renee Hembry, Library Director, presented budget information for FY2022 and noted that the City's portion is reduced due to increase in Warren County funding. Renee shared information about programming during COVID-19 and different ways she is keeping the community engaged. The Southeast Warren School District utilizes the book bins provided by Milo Library. Soon there will be take home STEM kits for youth and online STEM programming. Currently there have been Christmas Stories online 5 days a week. The hamball fundraiser has brought in over \$1,000 for the capital improvement fund. The Library will provide the Lion's Club meeting supper for \$500 donation. Hembry encourages the public to Like the Milo Public Library FaceBook Page. The capital improvement account overall is approximately \$118,000. Council discussed and then Moulds motioned to approve the FY2022 Library Budget with the city portion transfer amount of \$39,355.00. Second by Mason. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Next information was provided from Jerry Graham wanting to rezone a parcel of property from A-1 to R-1. Council discussed and said they would be open to it. Uttley asked about access and future building of

homes. City Clerk stated that the only other access is from the North on East 1<sup>st</sup> or East Belmont and there would not be access from the South end of town. Motion by Uttley to approve allowing the individual to pursue rezoning A-1 to R-1 and would need to submit a petition for rezoning. Second by Mason. Ayes: Moulds, Uttley and Mason. Abstain: Graham. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Then council reviewed Resolution 2020-15 to set a hearing for General Obligation Loan not to exceed \$130,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Note. Motion by Moulds to fix the date for hearing to December 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 100 Main Street, Milo Iowa. City Clerk was directed to submit the hearing notice to publication with the Indianola Record Herald. Second by Mason. Voice vote was: Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Council discussed Resolution 2020-16, then motion by Uttley to approve Resolution 2020-16 declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the City for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects. Second by Moulds. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Next, Council discussed allowing chickens in the city limits of Milo and what the guidelines would be for keeping chickens. Motion by Moulds to approve the tentative guidelines and for the City Clerk to send to the City Attorney to create an ordinance for review. Second by Mason. Ayes: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Clerk informed Council that the ordinances will be codified and readopted in the next fiscal year at a cost of \$3,000.00 through Iowa Codification. This process happens every 4-5 years and the last time the ordinances were codified was 2016.

Next was a review of documentation regarding Doug Hembry's driver's license as it pertains to city employment. Mayor Hall offered a closed session to the employee with the employee opting for an open session. Council reviewed and discussed the documentation provided by City Clerk. Council concluded that the driver's license is compliant with City policies and State law; therefore, no action was taken.

No public comments were heard. Mayor Hall stated that budget planning will begin in January and that Council should be thinking of items in their assigned areas such as city park shelter and shelter improvements or other items and Council research to provide a general estimate of cost. Mayor Hall stated that the City Clerk would be sending a few nuisance letters to citizens within the next few weeks. Then, Mayor Hall remarked that current COVID-19 information as it pertains to zip code is available on the Warren County Health Services website. No other remarks were heard. Health and Safety Committee reviewed a handout on Coronavirus the three C's to avoid and one to embrace. Motion by Moulds to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Second by Mason. Ayes: all present. Motion approved.

By Order of the Milo City Council