

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 100 MAIN ST, MILO, IOWA – MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 7:00 p.m. Council answering roll call: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Absent: Taylor. The Pledge of Allegiance was administered. Motion by Mason to approve the agenda. Second by Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved.

Motion by Wadle to approve the agenda to include all council meeting minutes of July 12, 2021; accounts payable from July 13 – August 2, 2021 in the amount of \$150,419.47. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved.

Old business: Doug Hembry shared that Hodges, who will be doing the lagoon dredging, has been in contact with the City within the past week. City Clerk reminded Council that Nancy Buss of Hall Engineering will be attending the August 16, 2021 Milo City Council Meeting to present updated information regarding the Wastewater project. The ballfield pole lighting project is on hold for a grant application.

Departmental reports: Doug Hembry stated they ongoing hydrant repair and updating has been happening as well as pothole patching. Upcoming is a water main project in the South 3rd & Main & East 1st Streets. Council departmental reports: Kinser-public safety: no report/questions. Taylor-utilities: absent, no report/questions. Wadle-streets: no report/questions. Uttley-parks: Shared information about the retaining wall that will be installed and using straw for erosion control. Hembry stated that would not be a permanent solution. Uttley said Terry Davis will be following up with Doug Hembry about the erosion control and the mulch material for the playground equipment. Mason-general items: no report/questions.

New business: Council reviewed and discussed information resulting in the following actions: Motion by Kinser to approve Resolution 2021-22 Proposing Disposal of Real Property and Notice Setting Hearing for 212 Main Street, Milo, Iowa. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved. City Clerk shared on behalf of the Milo Locker to adjust the draft of the Warranty Deed to May 2023 to complete the demolition, clean-up and begin construction. Council discussed possibly placing a 90 day cleanup timeline after demolition begins to ensure a timely removal of the debris.

Then, City Clerk gave background information regarding 422 South 3rd Street and the corner of South 3rd and Elm Streets. The Clerk stated that the two parcels shown on the map have the deed in the City of Milo's name. However, the parcel at 422 South 3rd Street is currently involved in litigation and there is not a clear title to the deed due to ongoing foreclosure issues involving the original owner. The City of Milo has been trying since 2017 to clean-up the property via nuisance abatement. The other parcel on the corner is the main storm water run-off for Milo's storm water from Belmont Street south. The City of Milo retains clear title/deed to this parcel. Doug Hembry said there is a water line in the parcel and also three different culverts empty into that corner and most of the area has concrete under the surface to help with water erosion. After further discussion, Motion by Kinser to retain the City of Milo owned crucial storm water run-off parcel 57360000182 located at the south west corner of South 3rd and Elm Street. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved. Victor Barrenechea, Milo resident, spoke regarding his and Joe Jordan interest in purchasing the 422 South 3rd Street property to demolish the home and build a shop/house and storage for his work equipment. He shared that the realtor said Milo would need to allow the sale with the nuisance to be abated after the sale by the new owner. Discussion followed with Council making no decision regarding the 2017 nuisance abatement issue and suggesting that Barrenechea and Jordan research the title/deed prior to proceeding with purchase. City Clerk did inform them that a storage building alone is not allowed on an empty residential parcel and that there would need to be home first.

There were no public comments. Councilman Uttley shared a newspaper article regarding Warren County using COVID Relief funds for paving trails. Health and Safety Committee: reviewed the "Slow Down: Back to School" handout.

Motion by Kinser to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Second by Mason. Ayes: all present. Motion approved.

By Order of the Milo City Council