

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, MILO, IOWA – MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

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

Motion by Uttley to approve the agenda with an amendment to move item 6.a.ii. to the end of that agenda section. Second by Mason. Ayes: Taylor, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Motion by Wadle to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of September 7 and September 20, 2021; accounts payable from September 21 – October 4, 2021 in the amount of \$21,850.06. Second by Taylor. Ayes: Taylor, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved.

Under old business, Nancy Buss of Hall Engineering and Mayor & Council reviewed information for hiring a Municipal Financial Advisor which is a requirement of the State Revolving Loan application needed for the wastewater update. Council and Mayor questioned the overall maximum amounts and how the equation formula determined the cost. After discussion Council chose to table to the October 18, 2021 City Council meeting and asked that Speer Financial attend. Next the discussion turned to the lagoon de-sludging. Nutri-ject was hired to determine the sludge depth of the lagoons. That information was used by Hodges Farms & Dredging to equate a bid for sludge removal and land application that is currently going on. Hodges is concerned because the sludge is two feet deeper than was anticipated. The current aeration system needs removed to de-sludge the lagoons and there will need to be a temporary aeration system or an adequate repair the current system to last until the new install occurs with the larger wastewater update project next year. This is a change order that will cost an additional \$10,000 - \$15,000. Buss said that the City's options would be to terminate the contract which will still cost the City money; the other option is to focus on cell one of the lagoons which includes cutting aeration piping, de-sludging and then putting temporary aerators into cell one to make it functional. Mayor Hall stated that Hodges reviewed the bid request information and knew the piping was located at the bottom of the lagoons and because of that it should be included in the original cost. Doug Hembry stated that the type of system Milo uses could not have been determined prior to draining the lagoons; he said there are several types and this particular one cannot easily be moved. Hembry said that from previous council meetings, he believed that the new aeration system would be installed as the lagoons were being de-sludged, and now it seems we will have to backtrack to complete the installing of a new floating aeration system. Buss said that she has talked to the DNR and they are understanding that during the project if there is a month Milo is outside the permit limits that is okay. Uttley asked the timeframe for finishing lagoon cell one; Hembry replied that it will take about a week and that it is being trucked and then land applied and that the first cell will contain the most sludge. Discussion followed with Council wanting to have Hodges provide the actual amount of sludge removed from the lagoons to determine accuracy of the sludge estimate. Mayor Hall asked that Hodges call in at the next meeting. Councilman Uttley asked Doug Hembry if he would be able to get the PVC pipe for replacement in the lagoons and to ensure Hodges knows to be careful with the diffusers.

Nancy Buss then discussed the submittal of the wastewater facility plan to the Department of Natural Resources and the Anti-degradation report. Hall also noted that the planning and design loan was recently submitted to the State Revolving Fund and that the Intended Use Plan (IUP) will be submitted by December 1, 2021. Pending DNR review, Hall Engineering on behalf of Milo, will open bids for the project in July 2022 and the chosen contractor will begin construction August 2022 and finalize in September 2023.

Then Council reviewed the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services which encompasses designing and implementation of the wastewater facility update and submitting it to the DNR processes for approval, bid letting, materials specifications, etc. Motion by Uttley to approve the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services in the amount of \$422,000.00. Second by Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Nancy Buss then discussed the field trip to DeSoto, Iowa to tour their wastewater facility that will be similar to Milo's. Doug Hembry and Mayor Hall will be attending the DeSoto tour later in October. There was no current information for ballfield lighting because the city is waiting on grant notifications.

Next, Fire Chief Tony Beck took Mayor and Council on a tour of the new firetruck in the sallyport. Council discussed funding options for the new firetruck and personal protection equipment. Motion by Wadle to approve an interfund transfer loan from the water fund to the fire capital improvement fund in the amount of \$135,000 for 7 years at 0% interest. Second by Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved.

Departmental reports: Doug Hembry updated Council on the culvert installation near 5th Street, the tree dump, replacement of doors in City Hall, Fire Department and Ambulance Building. Hembry said he is getting bids for updating the shelter seating area and bathrooms at City Park as well as updating the electrical. Wadle asked about the northwest corner electric access in the lamppost. Uttley asked about the drain by the Milo Locker and the broken concrete. Hembry said that is part of the water main project in that area. Uttley also asked about the curb stops that are falling apart. Hembry said that he has an upright spring-loaded curb stop that he will be installing.

Council departmental reports: Kinser-public safety: absent, no report/questions. Taylor-utilities: no report/questions. Wadle-streets: no report/questions. Uttley-parks: Commented on the mulch in the parks and that there is retaining wall block that will be installed. Mason-general items: no report/questions.

Under new business, Council reviewed and discussed items with the following actions: Motion by Mason to approve Resolution 2021-28 Approving the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update 8 regarding the South Central Landfill Agency (SCILA). Second by Wadle. Ayes: Taylor, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Motion by Wadle to approve a parcel split request at 17375 173rd Ave., Milo, Iowa. Second by Mason. Ayes: Taylor, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser. Motion approved. Council discussed Matt Hansen's 90-day review with Doug Hembry indicating that he is doing a great job. Council tabled the Milo Zoning Ordinance commercial setback change to the next meeting.

There were no public comments and no remarks from Mayor or Council. Health, safety and education reviewed the Breast Cancer Awareness handout. Motion by Mason to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Second by Wadle. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

By Order of the Milo City Council