

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL, MILO, IOWA – MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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. Taylor was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was administered.

Motion by Wadle to approve the agenda. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved. Motion by Mason to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of October 4, 2021; accounts payable from October 5-18, 2021 in the amount of \$18,519.11; September 2021 Bank Reconciliation Report; and September 2021 Warren County Sheriff's Report. Second by Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved.

Under old business, Nancy Buss of Hall Engineering and Mayor & Council reviewed information from Maggie Burger of Speer Financial. Motion by Kinser to approve hiring Speer Financial as the municipal/financial advisor for the upcoming wastewater update funding needs. Next, Mayor & Council reviewed information from Hall Engineering and Hodges Farms & Dredging regarding a change order to repair the piping and some equipment as well as the extra sludge removal. Kinser asked how they arrived at the increase. Nancy Buss of Hall Engineering provided information and the need to repair piping and the cost to remove the extra sludge that was not accounted for on the original bid. Motion by Uttley to approve the change order that will increase the cost by \$85,813 accommodate the piping/equipment repair and the extra sludge removal. The final cost of the desludging and repair project will be \$240,713.00. Second by Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved. Mayor Hall shared that there is a field trip to DeSoto, Iowa on Thursday to view their updated system which is similar to ours. Mayor and Doug Hembry will be attending and Council is invited to attend.

Mayor Hall shared that the City Clerk wrote a successful Prairie Meadows grant for \$30,500 to defray the cost of installing new upper ballfield lighting. Council discussed with Mayor Hall stating that she will contact Clint Bailey to attend the next meeting to discuss the bid and the next steps. City Clerk stated that Iowa Community Insurance Pool, Milo's liability insurer, has said that the poles are quickly becoming a danger and should be removed/replaced as soon as possible.

Departmental reports: Doug Hembry updated Council on work being done around town and Kinser asked about the corner of Walnut and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Hembry said that is on the list to be finished soon.

Under new business, Council reviewed and discussed items with the following actions: Motion by Wadle to approve Resolution 2021-29 Authorizing Temporary Transfer of Surplus Funds from the Milo Municipal Water Utility Fund to the City of Milo Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$135,000. Payments from the fire department funds to the water utility fund will commence in June 2022. Second by Mason. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved. Doug Hembry shared that the old fire truck sold last week and brought an auction bid of \$24,100 and a fee will be deducted prior to receipt of the proceeds. Wadle asked if it was bought locally, and Hembry stated that it is going to Oklahoma. The proceeds will be used to purchase more personal protective equipment for the fire department.

Council discussed the Milo Zoning Ordinance pertaining to commercial rear property setbacks. Kinser brought the idea that if the rear commercial property abuts residential, then the setback should be ten feet; however, if a commercial property abuts the rear of a commercial or city property including an alley, then the setback should be zero. After Council discussion, motion by Wadle to approve commercial setbacks to ten feet if abutting private property and zero setback if abutting a city property including an alley. Second by Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Taylor. Motion approved. The City Clerk was directed to contact the City Attorney and proceed with the changing the zoning ordinance. Council then reviewed the employee health insurance information.

There were no public comments and no remarks from Mayor or Council. Council Uttley asked the future mowing bid include stick pickup. Uttley asked if the Lion's Club benches could replace to dilapidated plank benches on the East playground at City Park. Kinser said asked to add to the next meeting agenda. Council Mason asked when the playground at Centennial Park would be finished because it is looking really messy. Uttley said that retaining walls needs to be built before completing dirt work. Motion by Wadle to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Second by Mason. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

By Order of the Milo City Council