

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, MILO, IOWA – MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

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

Motion by Mason to approve the agenda. Second by Uttley. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Motion by Kinser to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of December 6, 2021; accounts payable from December 7 – 20, 2021 in the amount of \$14,019.79; November 2021 Bank Reconciliation Report; and the November 2021 Warren County Sheriff's Report. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Under old business, Council reviewed and discussed a bid for upper ball field lighting replacement. Motion by Kinser to Approve Commonwealth Electric's bid of \$57,029 to remove the old upper ball field poles and lighting and replace with the donated lighting and new poles. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Mayor will notify Commonwealth Electric of the approval. Uttley said he would like to retain the old poles for use in the annual Mud Run event. Mayor asked that they be stored offsite. Uttley will contact Doug to determine where they should be stored. Uttley mentioned that an outlet at the backstop is something that Lil' Warhawks Little League has requested and could be a future bid and include any needed items within the concessions stand. Uttley will talk with Doug to determine electrical needs and updates to the upper field concession stands. Then Council discussed the condition of Centennial Park playground and Uttley shared that Terry Davis will be moving and storing the large concrete culverts at his farm. Uttley then said he had met with Jake Schrodtt concerning the landscaping at the playground and learned that the block will not work as the retaining wall but a concrete structure is needed. Uttley said he and Terry Davis will produce a plan after Uttley talks with Doug Hembry about the dimensions needed for the concrete retaining wall. Mayor Hall said that Iowa Community Assurance Pool should be contacted to review size/placement of the retaining wall as it pertains to the playground. Uttley also said that there will be a small flower bed near the bathrooms. Then Council discussed the lack of response from HIRTA concerning Council's concerns and tabled the item until HIRTA responds.

Departmental Reports: Fire Chief, Tony Beck, shared that the department has had 201 calls so far in 2021. These include several mutual-aid to Indianola and Lacona. There is one new probation member, who is a medic and a needed addition to the department. There will be two members retiring in 2022. There will be a soup supper on February 19, 2022 at the Milo Community Center. Another thing is that 1929 Fire Truck is running and will eventually be restored. There will be a possible EMT course offered in 2022. The personal protective gear (PPE) update is nearly completed, Beck said that three air packs and six bottles were purchased with the sale of the old firetruck. Mayor Hall thanked Chief Beck for his hard work updating the equipment in the fire department. Beck shared budgetary plans with Council. Beck said future goals are to refurbish the tanker after the current fire truck purchase is paid. Chief Beck said that the Sunday ice cream brought lots of community enjoyment and helped to pay for the cost of purchasing the ice cream machine; by next year, the machine will be paid in full. Doug was absent.

Under new business, Council reviewed and discussed items with the following actions: Motion by Mason to approve the parcel split located outside the city limits of Milo near 15603 173rd Avenue. Second by Uttley. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then Council joining the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development resulting in a motion from Kinser to approve Resolution 2021-34 approving the City of Milo's enrollment into the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development for \$145 annually. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, motion to approve Turner Lawn Care's bid update for 2022 to include stick/debris weekly upkeep and removal for an annual amount of \$1,740. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Council went on to discuss the future mowing bid with Uttley asking to include once monthly mowing the walking trail area located behind the upper ball fields. The Clerk was directed to obtain a bid from Turner Lawn Care for the occasional mowing for the 2022 season.

Council discussed annual donation requests in an effort to plan for the upcoming Fy2023 budget session with suggestions being given for future discussion at a later meeting.

There were no public comments. Remarks from Mayor and Council resulted in the following items being added to a future agenda: ATV use in Milo, Warren County Sheriff's Contract and requesting the Milo 4th of July Inc. to provide an update at a council meeting in January. Mayor Hall provided the Milo SWOT analysis to have Council review and adjust the long term goals for Milo. Mayor Hall shared with Council that she participates Warren County Economic Development, Emergency Management Board and the E911 Board.

Motion by Kinser to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Second by Mason. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.
By Order of the Milo City Council