

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, MILO, IOWA – MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 7:07 p.m. immediately following the completion of the City of Milo Organizational Meeting. 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 Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Motion by Mason to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of December 20, 2021; accounts payable from December 20 – January 3, 2022, in the amount of \$64,209.49. Second by Kinser. Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

There was not any new information to report for old business items. Departmental reports: Council: Kinser-public safety: no report/questions. Rasmussen-utilities: absent, no report/questions. Wadle-streets: absent, no report/questions. Uttley-parks: stated that the retaining blocks have been stacked at Centennial Park in preparation for the Spring installation. Also, that a curb system may be needed along the east edge of the playground to help keep the mulch in. This will be a spring project. Mason-general items: no report/questions. Doug Hembry, Operations Engineer: reported that snow removal and winter maintenance were underway.

Under new business, Council reviewed and discussed items with the following actions: Motion by Uttley to proceed with changing the Milo Golf Cart Ordinance to include UTV's with a sunset review for January 2, 2023. Second by Kinser. Voice vote: Ayes: Kinser, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Wadle and Rasmussen. Motion approved. The City Clerk was directed to contact the City Attorney to proceed with the ordinance change documents. No action was taken for the ballfield trail area mowing. Council directed Doug Hembry, City Maintenance Director, to mow the edges as needed during the growing season.

Budget discussion for FY2023 consisted of plans for replacing City Park shelter and attaching it to the existing kitchen building, update electricity service, replacing the restrooms, replacing east playground edging and add mulch to all playground areas. Also discussed was Centennial Park playground and the Lion's Club completing the arch entry, retaining walls and dirt work. Mayor Hall said that the playground has been in the works for one and a half years and it has to be completed this coming Spring. Hall also said that assistance is available if the volunteer group decides they need the extra help. Then budget discussion turned to the upcoming Milo Biking/Walking Trail with Mayor Hall stating that the Lion's Club pledged \$100,000 towards the project; Terry Davis said that the Lion's Club has \$25,000 earmarked with fundraisers planned for the upcoming calendar year. Mayor Hall said that the west edge of Milo trail connection needs to be complete. Uttley said that the school should pay for the sidewalk. Mayor Hall will contact Delane Galvin, School Superintendent. Construction of the trail will begin in 2023. Hall shared that Milo Hometown Pride is landscaping around the west trail entrance and leader board and in 2022 will add trash can, tire pump station and a dog waste station. Then Council reviewed the Warren County Sheriff's 28E Contract and the upcoming projects for wastewater, water and stormwater. Other planning considerations included adding to the city's seasonal decorations by purchasing one new item each year.

There were no public comments. Health, Safety and Information Committee reviewed the handout "14 Mindfulness Tricks to Reduce Anxiety". Comments from Mayor or Council included Mayor Hall shared that she is stepping down as Chair of Emergency Management Commission but will remain on the Board and is also the representative from the commission to the E911 Board. City Clerk shared information regarding First Network, which a government run entity that provides cell service emergency options to first responders. They are wanting to place a tower in Milo. Mayor Hall will talk with Troy Bass, Warren County Emergency Management Coordinator, and provide more information at the next meeting.

Motion by Kinser to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Second by Mason. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

By Order of the Milo City Council