

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL, 100 MAIN ST, MILO, IOWA - MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 6:54 p.m. immediately following the City Council Organizational Meeting. Council answering roll call: Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Kinser was absent for roll call and arrived when budget discussion began at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Graham to approve the agenda. Second by Mason. Ayes-Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Motion carried. Motion by Moulds to approve the consent agenda to include all council meeting minutes of December 2, 2019; accounts payable from December 3, 2019 – January 6, 2020 in the amount of \$71,049.18; the November 2019 Bank Reconciliation Report and the November 2019 Warren County Sheriff's Report. Second by Graham. Ayes- Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Motion carried.

There was no old business to review, other than still waiting on the Nutri-ject schedule for dredging and updates. Doug Hembry reported of the regular winter maintenance that has been occurring within Milo. Mayor Hall asked that the city planters on Main Street be bolted down so that they would not blow over.

Council reviewed the items under new business. Dianne Chambers presented information for Farm Girl Yoga and using City Hall on Tuesday and Thursdays with a \$10 fee per person to paid at the door. Private yoga lessons will be offered. Then, motion by Graham to approve Farm Girl Yoga at City Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and waive the \$50 rental fee because it is a service to the citizens of Milo. Second by Moulds. Ayes- Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Motion carried.

City Clerk presented financial information for the Milo Public Library budget regarding the multi-faceted revenue stream which consists of City of Milo general fund revenue, Warren County revenue and State of Iowa revenue. City Clerk noted that the city's portion is reduced for the upcoming year with the Library Board asking \$39,896.00 be approved for Milo Public Library FY2021 budget. Renee Hembry, Library Director presented information regarding the Library Capital Improvement Fund and named several sources of fundraising: Milo Lion's Club Christmas Dinner; Houston's on Main can redemptions; Wellmark volunteer hours checks; Alliant Energy; memorials and "just because" donors. The current balance of the Library Capital Improvement Fund is \$79,765. The Goal is \$250,000 for the new addition to the library. Renee went on to talk about adult programming involving educational programming, adult crafting for a fee, children's programming, after school story times, preschool evening programming; summer reading program which will involve the local daycare as well as children in the community. Other programming happening on a daily basis is reading incentive, Science Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) materials, maker's space items. Education of our kids is important and the library helps with this. This all encourages more people to visit the library which is what increase Warren County and State of Iowa revenues. Milo Library also offers book reading online through a program called Bridges. This past year the library discarded old library books, which is never an easy task. Also, continuing education credits must be up to date to be an accredited library. Regarding Warren County funding, the librarians within Warren County collaborate and present to the Warren County Board of Supervisors. The Warren County Board of Supervisors came to the Milo Public Library for this past year's meeting. Future Ready Iowa, a state program, is asking all libraries to incorporate that into their programming. The library is planning on writing a few grants to accommodate the need for STEM programming items. Mayor Hall said that the Milo Public Library is amazing and well attended and deserving of all it receives. Motion by Moulds to approve the FY2021 Milo Library budget request in the amount of \$39,896.00. Second by Mason. Ayes- Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Motion carried.

Council discussed the bid from Turner Lawn Care acknowledging the slight increase and 3-year term which was approved at the prior council meeting. Uttley asked about mowing of the trail and Graham said that it would need to be considered separately. Councilman Kinser arrived at 7:28 pm. Sheila Coffman, representing Milo EMS presented information regarding the purchase of a Zoll Defibrillator for in-ambulance use. The current defibrillator will no longer support the updates it. Council reviewed the information and pricing of \$29,000 for this necessary item. Coffman said there is \$20,000 in a Certificate of Deposit and the remainder will come from ambulance revenues, and potentially grants. Mayor Hall asked about the installation off the defibrillator at the Milo Community Center. Coffman said it does not have to be installed in the gym area, it could be in the front room of the Community Center. Coffman explained how to check the defibrillator batteries and denote that it is working.

Next, Mayor Hall asked about update of elected official's public information on the Warren County website and emails for elected officials. Council was directed to send any changes to the information to the City Clerk by Friday, January 17, 2020. Next, Council discussed the Warren Water rate increase that have occurred for the last several years. The upcoming increase in April 2020 will amount to an additional \$1,200 cost to the City of Milo for water. Increases have been as follows: 2017 + \$.15 per 1,000 gallons; 2018 was +\$.15 per 1,000 gallons; 2019 was \$.20 per 1,000 gallons; 2020 is \$.75 per 1,000 gallons. The City has not increased rates to citizens; however, with the upcoming increase being 24% to the water department; the city has no choice but

to increase customer's water rates with the City of Milo. The City Clerk and water superintendent were directed to create spreadsheets showing increase of rates and the effect on the water fund and present at the February 3, 2020 meeting. Doug Hembry stated that we are just breaking even right now due to supply prices and absorbing the increases the last few years from Warren Water District. Council then reviewed budget revenue information and the City Clerk stated that there are several funding streams that the City receives. Milo receives approximately \$157,000 in general fund property tax dollars annually with the remainder of revenues coming from levies that are restricted to the expense they are associated with. Another source of revenue is Local Option Sales Tax which the City has used to improve the outdoor amenities in Milo and plan for future needs. 50% of the Local Option Sales Tax that Milo receives is designated for wastewater update use. Mayor Hall stated that the Census 2020 which counts the population for cities is very important to City funding because many times the equation used to determine the amount of funds is based on how many people live in a city. Mayor Hall encouraged Council to get the word out about citizen's completing the Census 2020 information. Next, Council discussed the City's wish list, and capital improvement projections. City Clerk shared information regarding the maximum levy resolution and explained the information on the budget certification page which shows property tax dollars and levy dollars. Council reviewed Notice for Hearing for the Maximum Levy Resolution. Motion by Moulds to approve the Maximum Levy for 11.54986 which is \$230,282. Second by Graham. Ayes: Kinser, Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Motion carried. Motion by Kinser to set the Maximum Levy Resolution for hearing on February 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The City Clerk will publish the notice of hearing. Second by Mason. Ayes: Kinser, Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Motion carried.

Diane Johnston spoke as public and asked that the City consider handicap parking for city events like Country Christmas. She said it is very difficult for a handicap person to park and walk the distance to be able to enjoy the event. Mayor and Council discussed using temporary handicap signs during city-wide events.

Council and Mayor then discussed the health and safety handout of "Work Stress". Motion by Moulds to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Second by Graham. Ayes: Kinser, Moulds, Graham, Uttley and Mason. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

By Order of the Milo City Council