

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2020
6:30 PM

The Milford City Council met in regular session May 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the East 1/2 Community Center and via Zoom.

Iowa Code Section 21.4 requires that each Council meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impracticable. Given the Governor's prohibition on gatherings of ten or more persons during the COVID19 outbreak and further given Section Nine of the Governor's March 19, 2020 proclamation suspending the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code §§ 21.8, 26.12, and 414.12, or any other statute imposing a requirement to hold a public meeting or hearing, the City Council has determined that a meeting at a physical place is impossible or impracticable and all Council meetings for the time being will be conducted electronically with the public allowed to attend per the instructions on this agenda. Meeting minutes will continue to be provided per the City's normal course of business. The agenda and the City's website had this message posted more than 24 hours in advance to give instructions on how others could participate in the meeting.

Mayor Anderson presided.

Members present: Chris Hinshaw, Aaron Gebhart, Andy Yungbluth, via Zoom Jason Eckard and Doug Frederick.

Absent: None

Others present: Public Works Director Kent Eilers, MMU General Manager Brad Willemsen, Officer Garth Wolff, available via Zoom and present were Deputy City Clerk Carrie Funk and Mayor Anderson. Present via Zoom was Don Brinkley and Tim Fairchild.

Steve Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Hinshaw second by Gebhart to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Yungbluth second Hinshaw to approve consent agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes of May 11, 2020 meeting
- Liquor license renewal for Rax Billiards
- Liquor license renewal Casey's Store #1316
- Liquor license renewal Out Back Lounge

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Milford Municipal Utilities General Manager Brad Willemsen was present to introduce himself to the board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing on amending Chapter 63, speed regulations, concerning speed in city parks, parking lots, cemeteries, and alley ways in Milford, Iowa at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Anderson opened the public meeting at 6:33 p.m. Deputy City Clerk Funk mentioned no written comments were received at the City Clerk's office. With no other comments from the public Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

First consideration of ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 63, speed regulations, concerning speed in city parks, parking lots, cemeteries and alley ways in Milford, Iowa.

Motion by Hinshaw second by Gebhart to approve first reading of **Ordinance 5-26-2020** amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 63, speed regulations, concerning speed in city parks, parking lots, cemeteries and alley ways, Milford, Iowa. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Consider waiving the second and third reading and passage of ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 63, speed regulations, concerning speed in city parks, parking lots, cemeteries and alley ways in Milford, Iowa.

Motion by Gebhart second by Hinshaw to waive the second and third reading of **Ordinance 5-26-2020** amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 63, speed regulations, concerning speed in city parks, parking lots, cemeteries and alley ways, Milford, Iowa. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Yungbluth second by Eckard to adopt **Ordinance 5-26-2020** amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa, by amending Chapter 63 speed regulations, concerning speed in city parks, parking lots, cemeteries and alley ways, Milford, Iowa. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried

Reappoint Linda Hemphill to the Community Center Board (7/1/2020-6/30/2026) 6-year term

Motion by Yungbluth second by Gebhart to reappoint Linda Hemphill to the Community Center Board (7/1/2020-6/30/26) 6-year term. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Reappoint Sherri Jones to the Board of Adjustments (7/1/2020-6/30/2025)

Motion by Gebhart second by Yungbluth to reappoint Sherri Jones to the Board of Adjustment (7/1/2020-6/30/25) 5-year term. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Review changes to Lower Gar Agreement

Mayor Anderson expressed his concerns with the changes of the Lower Gar Agreement, but addressed it is a starting point for discussion. Dickinson County Supervisor Tim Fairchild spoke and agreed with Mayor Anderson's concerns but was thankful to the City for starting the discussion. No action taken.

A-34 overlay options

Mayor Anderson explained after reviewing the options submitted by Beck Engineering with Public Works Director Kent Eilers, they both agreed it would be best to take the project back to the Infrastructure Committee for review to try and reduce the cost of the project.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Funk updated the council on the plans to reopen the Library submitted by Library Director Gillian Anderson. Mayor Anderson communicated the P & Z Commission will be starting the process of updating the Zoning Ordinance and thought it would be a good idea for a councilmember to participate, Aaron Gebhart agreed to participate. Funk communicated the counter protective barrier had been installed in the Clerk office. Police Officer Wolff requested if the council would consider allowing police officers to reside outside of Milford city limits or the Okoboji School district, due to the challenges of finding a home in Milford. This discussion will continue at the June 8th, 2020 Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven R. Anderson, Mayor

Carrie Funk, Deputy City Clerk