

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2019
6:30 PM

The Milford City Council met in regular session November 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Board Room

Mayor Steve Anderson presided.

Members present: Chris Hinshaw, Don Olsen, Doug Frederick, Andy Yungbluth and Jason Eckard.

Absent: None

Others present: City Administrator LeAnn Reinsbach, Aaron Gebhart, Dave Huntress, Jim Higgins, Dennis Miller, Nathan Kollasch, Heidi Wittrock, Tyler Wittrock, Isaak Romiraz, Quinn Dodds, Denise Svoboda, Doug Svoboda and Sharon Hoerichs.

Steve Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Yungbluth second by Hinshaw to approve the agenda as amended. All voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes November 12, 2019 council meeting
- Residential tax abatement -Ryan and Emily Brown

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Present Nathan Kollasch on becoming an Eagles Scout

Mayor Anderson read a proclamation to Nathan Kollasch on becoming an Eagle Scout.

Funding request Bob Shaw and Julie Scheib with Discovery

Julie Scheib gave a recap of the demographics and Bob Shaw spoke about the budget noting expenses this year is about \$20,000 more than previous years and also spoke about the Daniel's House. Discovery house is asking for \$2,000.00 in funding. Council will review during budget discussion; no action was taken.

Funding request Bob Kirschbaum with Pearson Lakes Art Center

City Administrator Reinsbach mentioned that Bob called earlier today and he had something last minute and would not be able to attend. Council reviewed in information provided in the packets. Bob is requesting \$3000.00 in funding this year. Council will review during budget discussion; no action was taken.

Funding request Lakes Area Hockey Association

Sharon Hoerichs spoke on behalf of the Lakes Area Hockey Association. Hoerichs talked about usage of the arena, economic development and bringing dollars into the community, hockey tournaments etc. Council will review during budget discussion; no action was taken.

Funding Boji Bay pools

Administrator Reinsbach reminded council during the June 24, 2019 council meeting Tim Kinnetz approached council about the city and the YMCA working jointly to open and operate the outdoor pools in the former Boji Bay area. Council agreed to move forward on getting a committee formed. Reinsbach has attending two meetings and noted there is another meeting scheduled for December 18th. Under the current rough draft agreement, the parties involved would be between Lucilemae, LLC, the City of Milford and the YMCA. The agreement would include access to the pool facility owned by Lucilemae, annual funding support from the City of Milford, and contractual staffing support from the YMCA. Reinsbach spoke about a draft agreement and funding would be \$20,000-\$35,000 that would come from Local Option Sales Tax. After further discussion a motion was made by Hinshaw second by Olsen to continue moving forward in regards to future funding on the Boji Bay pools. All voting aye: Motion carried.

South Shore Lower Gar discussion

Dave Huntress representing the Lower Gar area discussed the joint meeting that took place in August between the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors and the Milford City Council. After that meeting a committee was formed consisting of a few board members from South Shore, Doug Frederick, Andy Yungbluth and Tim Fairchild. The committee met in September and it was decided that South Shore would develop a letter and bring back to council. Dennis Miller noted everything in the document comes from previous DNR studies. Mayor Anderson suggested giving council time to review and add this back to the December 9th council meeting with a possible resolution supporting

issues on low water in the Lower Gar area. Members attending the meeting from the South Shore recommended the county and the DNR start looking into options to address the low water issues. Councilman Yungbluth and the rest of council understand the concerns with low water issues in Lower Gar.

Discuss Florence Park Shelter house addition

Chris Hinshaw spoke on behalf of the Commercial Club and there is approximately \$45,000 raised for the project. There is concerns from the Milford Park Board on the status of the shelter house addition and future funding request. City Administrator Reinsbach mentioned she had received an email from City Attorney Dave Stein and he suggest that the city should maintain control of the project. If the Commercial Club is involved, they should donate the money to the city and the city should oversee the construction and plans. It is a city owned building on city owned property. After some discussion Mayor Anderson suggested forming a committee to include himself and Reinsbach to discuss the next steps. Anderson mentioned he also has commitments from Susan Reizer with the Commercial Club, Jason Simpson from the Park Board and asked if anyone from the council would like to be a part of the committee. Jason Eckard and Chris Hinshaw volunteered.

ICAP update on old fire station and FEMA reimbursement from March 2019 flooding

City Administrator Reinsbach informed council that the ICAP claim for the fire that took place in the wash bay at the old city hall in August has been settled and we will be getting reimbursed \$51,795.84. There are still a couple outstanding bills yet to be paid and if something else comes up and there are other expenses not already approve that ICAP will issue another check. Reinsbach also noted that the city has received a direct deposit from the State of Iowa in the amount of \$30,577.61 for the flooding in March that was turned into FEMA.

Discussion on closing at noon December 24th (Christmas Eve) and December 31st (New Year's Eve)

Motion by Yungbluth second by Olsen to close at noon December 24th Christmas Eve December 31st New Year's Eve. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor's appointment to the MMU Board of Trustees

Mayor Anderson recommended to appoint Kae Hoppe to the Milford Municipal Board of Trustees. This appointment will fill the vacancy of Wanda Nelson with term ending December 31, 2024. Motion by Olsen second by Frederick to approve the recommendation made by Anderson. All voting aye: Motion carried.

Resolution Adopting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification to the Dickinson County Auditor

Motion by Yungbluth second by Olsen to approve **Resolution 19-74** Resolution Adopting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification to the Dickinson County Auditor. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Olsen, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried

Resolution amending the flexible benefit plan unreimbursed medical limits

Motion by Hinshaw second by Olsen to approve **Resolution 19-75** Resolution amending the flexible benefit plan unreimbursed medical limits. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Olsen, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried

Resolution setting hearing on proposed amendment to the Milford City Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Yungbluth second by Eckard to approve **Resolution 19-76** Resolution setting hearing on proposed amendment to the Milford City Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Olsen, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried. The public hearing will be December 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Set public hearing on FY2020 budget amendment for December 23, 2019 at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Yungbluth second by Hinshaw to set the FY2020 budget amendment for December 23, 2019 at 6:35 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

Councilman Yungbluth mentioned he looks forward to the next steps on the expansion of the shelter house in Florence Park. Mayor Anderson reminded everyone of Holiday Fantasy coming up December 6th-8th. With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Yungbluth second by Hinshaw at 7:27 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven R. Anderson, Mayor

LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator/Clerk