

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 2021
6:30 PM

The Milford City Council met in regular session May 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Board Room Mayor Steve Anderson presided.

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

Absent: None

Others present: City Administrator LeAnn Reinsbach, Conner Holmes, John Hight, Rod Lockey, LeeAnn Reetz, Jill & Chad Harms, Jane Berg, Emil & Sue Richter, Dennis Meyer, Chris Stein, Corey Harguth, Tamera Frederick, Mike Workman, Jerry Daugherty, Mary Dannatt, Dennis Struck, Barry Sackett, Dave & Helen Dorenkamp, Lisa Peters and Steve Schwaller.

Steve Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Gebhart second by Hinshaw to approve the agenda. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick, Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Eckard second by Yungbluth to approve consent agenda. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes of May 10, 2021 council meeting
- Liquor license renewal for Dollar General
- Liquor license renewal for Out Back Lounge

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing FY2021 budget amendment #2 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Anderson opened the public meeting at 6:32 p.m. City Administrator LeAnn Reinsbach 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 6:32 p.m.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution on approving amending #2 FY2021 budget

Motion by Yungbluth second by Gebhart to approve **Resolution 21-52** Resolution on approving the second amendment to the FY2021 budget. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2021 City of Milford P Ave. and 13th St. reconstruction project

Motion by Yungbluth second by Gebhart to approve **Resolution 21-53** Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2021 City of Milford P Ave. and 13th St. reconstruction project. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Gebhart, Frederick Yungbluth and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Update on Iowa Great Lakes Diagnostic study- Mike Hawkins

Mike Hawkins with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources spoke in regards to the current Iowa Great Lakes Diagnostic and Feasibility Study that will take two to three years to complete. The study is being conducted through the University of Iowa, Iowa Great Lakes Restoration program and IIHR which was the same group that did the hydrological modeling for the outlet for the Iowa Great Lakes. Hawkins explained that the overabundance of nutrients and sediment in our lakes can cause problems with algae and excessive plant growth. Hawkins went on to say there are 24 groundwater cells around the Iowa Great Lakes, they are also putting in staff gauges at entry point in Welch Lake complex and Loon Lake Minnesota. These gauges look at water movement through the lakes and they will also calculate the amount of water coming out of different watershed areas. The last component of the study that has not started yet is doing some in lake studies which would look at the transfer of sediments between the lakes. Mayor Anderson commented that the findings will play a key role in any future options that may be considered for the Lower Gar Outlet.

Offer from Spirit of Okoboji to purchase Fuller Airport

Attorney Barry Sackett representing "Spirit of Okoboji" spoke to council that the group has put together a letter of intent for the possible purchase of the Milford Fuller Airport for \$500,000. The Spirit of Okoboji group would like to expand the athletic fields in Memorial Park and look at developing an indoor athletic facility as part of the project. Those in attendance expressed concern both positive and negative about selling the airport. The positive would be the increase in tourism and economic growth, while some cited the need to keep the airport is critical for those aircraft owners that depend on the runway to do business. There was concern on who would have to pay back the state \$420,000 for recent grants the city received to update the runway in the past 5 few years. Mayor Anderson would like to see a comprehensive study done regarding air service in the area, similar to the one completed in Sioux county. After much discussion there was a motion by Yungbluth second by Gebhart to refer the "Spirit of Okoboji" to the city's Airport Commission and Park Board. Once that is done the group will need to present to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The P&Z would then make a recommendation to the city council at which time a public hearing will be held. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discuss online pay portal options

Motion by Yungbluth, second by Gebhart to continue looking into options in regards to online pay portal vendors.

Accept Zoning Administrator Separation letter from Don Brinkley

Motion by Gebhart second by Yungbluth to accept separation letter from Don Brinkley. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discuss and possible approval to advertising for Zoning Administrator position

Motion by Yungbluth second by Gebhart to give City Administrator Reinsbach permission to put advertisement in local paper looking for a Zoning Administrator.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

City Administrator Reinsbach mentioned the DD#50 bid letting has been rescheduled to June 22, 2021. She also mentioned there was miscommunication in regards to the public works trailer that was damaged. The insurance company buy back was \$700.00 not \$4480.00 like previously discussed during the May 10, 2021 council meeting. Council would like to discuss engineering options. Mayor Anderson suggested the city look into doing an airport study and also commented the initial review of the employee handbook has been done. Councilman Gebhart spoke about the bill passed by Iowa Legislature that would establish a new local property levy that gives cities, counties, fire districts the ability to levy for EMS services. With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Gebhart second by Hinshaw at 7:31 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven R. Anderson, Mayor

LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator/Clerk