

CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 27, 2023  
6:30 PM

The Milford City Council met in regular session on November 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Board Room. Mayor Anderson presided.

Members present: Chris Hinshaw, Doug Frederick, Shane Hoffman, David Worshek and Jason Eckard.

Absent: None

Others present: City Administrator LeAnn Reinsbach, Kyle Mohni, Corey Nichols, Judi Petersen, Katt Flockhart, Jill Lanfear, Steve Schwaller and City Attorney Dave Stein.

Mayor Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Hoffman second by Eckard approve the consent agenda. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes of November 13, 2023 council meeting

### ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Katherine Flockhart owner of Arnolds Barkery to discuss an animal control program.

Katherine Flockhart, president of the Lake Community Animal Welfare spoke to council regarding the overwhelming population of feral cats in the Iowa Great Lakes area. She has created the TNR (trap, neuter and release) program and is asking for \$5000.00 to support this animal control program. Council person Hoffman asked Katherine to provide a 1-year history of cats/kittens she has trapped and rehomed in Milford and surrounding towns, so council has a better understanding of the numbers she has been dealing with. The council will review during budget discussion; no action was taken.

#### Council to consider allowing NISS Excavating to plug into north welcome sign-Corey Nichols.

Corey Nichols with NISS excavation and rock quarry, was hired by Kwik Star for earth moving this fall and will come back in the spring to install all underground utilities. Mr. Nichols asked the council to consider installing 4-plug ins that are tied to the north welcome to Milford sign so he can plug in his trucks during the cold winter months. Nichols will pay for the 4-plus ins, installation with a locked box which will remain in place after he is done with project, pay the monthly Alliant Energy bill from the time he uses electricity until he is done with project. Motion by Hoffman second by Hinshaw to allow Mr. Nichols to move forward with his electrical needs and have Dave Stein draft an agreement on the aforementioned. The council will formally approve the agreement during the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Further discussion on the city leasing a portion of city ROW to Alger Customs, Inc.

The council had a lengthy discussion on leasing a portion of city Right-Of-Way to Alger Customs. There were concerns that maybe we couldn't do anything because it was part of the old railroad company and there may be ties to this with the city that we can't do anything. There was also discussion included leasing, selling, talking with the Dickinson County Trails Board to see if they would be interested in taking over ownership or just simply do nothing at all. Motion by Hoffman second by Hinshaw to table this matter indefinitely until we can gather more information. All voting aye. Motion carried.

#### Council to review/approve street closures for Holiday Fantasy parade December 2, 2023.

Motion by Hinshaw second by Hoffman to approve street closures for the Holiday Fantasy Parade which starts at 11:00a.m. December 2, 2023. All voting aye. Motion carried.

#### Discuss moving or cancelling the last meeting in December.

Motion by Hoffman second by Eckard to cancel the last meeting in December which would have been moved to December 26<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas. All voting aye. Motion carried.

#### Mayor to appoint Todd Johnson to the Milford Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees

Mayor Anderson recommended appointing Todd Johnson to the Milford Municipal Board of Trustees. This appointment will fill the vacancy of LeeAnn Reetz whose term ends December 31, 2026. Motion by Hoffman second by Hinshaw to approve the recommendation made by Anderson. All voting aye: Motion carried.

#### Resolution approving 2023 TIF certification.

Motion by Hinshaw second by Eckard to approve **Resolution 23-97** Resolution approving 2023 TIF certification. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Eckard. Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### Council to review quote for new Evolis Radar Speed Signs.

Motion by Hoffman second by Eckard to authorize Police Chief Shilo Brevik to order the package of 3 Evolis radar speed signs for \$9350.00 which includes freight. All voting aye. Motion carried.

### COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

City Administrator Reinsbach informed the council that Assistant County Engineer John Miller sent her an email that included a copy of the IDNR Flood Plain Application and a draft copy of the 230<sup>th</sup> Ave. Lower Gar Bridge design that will replace the culverts. With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Hoffman second by Frederick at 7:50 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven R. Anderson, Mayor

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LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator/Clerk