CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2024 5:00 P.M.

The Milford City Council met in special session on August 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center Board Room. Mayor Anderson presided.
Members present: Chris Hinshaw, Doug Frederick, Shane Hoffman, David Worshek. Kyle Mohni arrived at 5:45.
Absent: None.
Others present: City Administrator LeAnn Reinsbach, Brad Willemssen, Tim, Devitt, David Boogerd, Kathryn Anderson, Jim Carpenter, Mac Arndt, Jana Dunn, Greg Jorgensen, Doug Hanna, Gary Moeller, Mic Baack, Vikki Willison, Jason Eyabroad and Steve Schallwer.

Mayor Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discuss water line as part of the A34 project
Jason with Beck Engineering explained the original plans showed there is an existing 2" water line that runs along the north side of 13th St. that is fed from a 6" water main under the most western lane of Hwy. 71. The A34 construction plans called for this 2"water line to be abandoned and capped approximately 30 feet west of the intersection to avoid disrupting Hwy. 71. About three weeks ago during an A34 progress meeting, MMU discovered that this pressurized line was galvanized and had requested that this 2-inch water line be removed all the way to the 6" water main and a sleeve installed over the existing connection point of the main. The cost to do this was approximately $28,000 which was approved during the July 26th meeting to be paid for by MMU. The following Monday Beck Engineering was informed by MMU that they had discovered the 6" water main that this 2" line is tied into could be abandoned. The 6" water main is capped and dead ended approximately 25-feet north of where the 2" line is connected. To the south of the 2" line, the 6" main is tied into a valve and cross. The valve can be closed thus abandoning the 6" water main from the cross. General Manager Brad Williamson confirmed that he had MMU staff shut the valve off that fed the 6" water main to check for water services on the line and it was confirmed that there were no customers connected to the line base on a recommendation from a former employee. MMU is planning to fill the valve box with sand and put a red grommet inside the valve box and mark it on the digital map to signify a closed line. Mayor Anderson is concerned about the amount of institutional knowledge that employees have when they leave. Motion by Hoffman second by Hinshaw to rescind the motion made during the special July 26th joint council meeting to remove a portion of the 2" water line and cap it. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Iowa Department of Transportation TEAP (Traffic Engineering Assistance Program) Study
Mayor Anderson explained the TEAP study has a lot of information that includes traffic control, turn lane information, traffic speed but the biggest thing we are looking for feedback on is the conversion from 4-lane to a 3-lane. A few years ago, the city investigated the possibility of getting some sort of emergency warning sign at the intersection Hwy 71 and 19th Street and were told this was not an option. The TEAP study now suggests that that the city should consider the installation of an emergency vehicle warning sign with activated flashing beacon at the 19th St. intersection. So, this is a good thing. Concerns from those that attended were as follows: I cannot get out of my driveway now, how is going from a 4-lane to a 3-lane going to make it any better? I live north of the Catholic Church and I would like to see the 3-lane with a dedicated turn lane. The fire department is not in favor of the 3-lane because it is a driving nightmare when you go to rescue calls if they must use the turning lane. At least half of the residents that attended expressed that they would like to see the speed addressed. Is there a possibility of adding an additional stop light by the police station? Mayor Anderson recapped the conversation agrees that the city needs to get a speed study done, get the DOT to come in and resurface the areas that need repaired and future council if they so choose can investigate the conversion from a 4-lane to a 3-lane.

With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Hoffman second by Hinshaw at 6:13 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven R. Anderson, Mayor LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator/Clerk