CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2025 6:30 P.M.

The Milford City Council met in regular session March 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in Community Center board room.
Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Hinshaw presided.
Members present: Doug Frederick, David Worshek and Kyle Mohni.
Absent: Mayor Steve Anderson, Shane Hoffman.
Others present: Deputy City Clerk Lissa Ballis, Levi Markwardt, Mac Arndt, Levi Wittrock, Herman Richter, Amy Heibult, Jennifer McCoy, George Bower, Steve Schwaller and other members in the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hinshaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes of March 10, 2025 council meeting
- Minutes of March 19, 2025 special joint council/BOA meeting
- Minutes of March 19, 2025 special council meeting

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing on sale of city owned property at 6:30 p.m.
Mayor Pro-Tem Hinshaw opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Deputy City Clerk Ballis announced the city did not receive any bids. Council decided to table until a future meeting. With no other comments from the public Mayor Pro-Tem closed the public hearing 6:32 p.m.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution awarding bid for the sale of a house on city owned property
Motion by Worshek seconded by Fredrick to table resolution until a future council meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Dickinson County Nature Center – Amy Heibult to discuss new Naturescape
Community Relations Coordinator Amy Heibult presented an overview of the conceptual plans for the Nature Playscape, a project led by the Dickinson County Conservation Board and set to begin next spring. The playscape will incorporate native plants and conservation elements to enhance the natural environment. Heibult requested $5,000 in funding for the project. The council will review the request during budget discussions; no action was taken at this time.

Discuss results of TEAP survey with Jennifer McCoy with Bolten & Menk.
Jennifer McCoy of Bolton & Menk presented the results of the TEAP survey, which received 222 responses outlining various pros and cons. The feedback was mixed, with concerns that while it is already difficult to exit onto the roadway with a four-lane configuration, it could become more challenging with a three-lane design. Speeding was identified as the primary concern, with respondents prioritizing speed reduction over converting to three lanes. McCoy emphasized that the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) would not change the speed limit unless a significant roadway modification was made. She also noted that a three-lane configuration would reduce conflict points, improve sight distance, and create a traffic-calming effect that could help lower speeds. An open house was held on March 6, with 15–20 residents in attendance, who echoed these same concerns. Mayor Pro Tem Hinshaw thanked McCoy for her presentation and suggested taking incremental steps to demonstrate the city's commitment by restriping to three lanes as part of a six- to twelve-month pilot project. He noted that IDOT is not planning a full reconstruction project until 2030. Councilman Mohni stated that new traffic signals would be necessary regardless of the lane configuration. McCoy estimated the cost at approximately $350,000 per intersection. Mohni also expressed concern that the current traffic lights might not be compatible with the proposed pilot program. McCoy reiterated that IDOT would require measurable outcomes if a pilot program were implemented. There was extensive discussion from those in attendance, with speakers expressing opposition to the conversion from four lanes to three. Hinshaw concluded by stating that before any decision is made, he would like the full council to be present for discussion.

Resolution supporting a 3-4 lane conversion on US 71
Motion by Mohni second by Worshek to table the resolution until the April 14, 2025 council meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution of authorizing the destruction of obsolete records in accordance with the Iowa League of Cities records retention policy and all applicable Iowa Laws
Motion by Mohni second by Frederick approve Resolution **25-26** to dispose of obsolete records in accordance with the Iowa League of Cities records retention policy. All voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

Mayor Pro-Tem Hinshaw requested that Jennifer McCoy of Bolton & Menk contact the IDOT to invite them to a future council meeting to discuss striping options. Councilman Mohni expressed interest in consulting with General Traffic Control to determine whether the current traffic lights would be suitable for a pilot project involving the 4-to-3 lane conversion. McCoy will speak with Kenyan and provide an update.

Deputy City Clerk Ballis reminded the council of a special noon meeting on April 3rd regarding the RAGBRAI Ordinance. She also noted that City Administrator Reinsbach is continuing to work on entering the budget into the system and will provide an update at the April 3rd meeting.

With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Worshek second by Mohni at 7:41p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Hinshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem Lissa Ballis, Deputy City Clerk