CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2025 6:30 P.M.

The Milford City Council met in regular session August 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center board room. Mayor Steve Anderson presided.
Members present: Chris Hinshaw, Doug Frederick, Shane Hoffman, David Worshek and Kyle Mohni.
Absent: None
Others present: Deputy City Clerk Lissa Ballis, Rick Gould, Trevor Smith, Levi Markwardt, Anthony Gonzalez, Alyssa Petersen, Curt Strouth, Dave Stein and Steve Schwaller.

Mayor Steve Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes of August 11, 2025 council meeting

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Iowa Lake Corridor update
Curt Strouth, Alyssa Petersen, and Trevor Smith presented the Corridor's GROWTH program and Business Retention & Expansion strategy, noting 18 business visits in 2024 and key findings on workforce, business trends, and community challenges. Full details are available on the Iowa Lakes Corridor website. Strouth also announced an AI training on September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Pearson Lakes Art Center.

Resolution accepting airport grant
Motion by Hinshaw second by Frederick to approve Resolution **25-68** accepting airport grant. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Mohni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discuss stipulations to be set as part of public hearing notice of old town hall, review parking lot improvement.
The council discussed stipulations for the public hearing notice on the old town hall, including whether the parking lot should be part of the sale. After discussion, the council decided the parking will be included with the building, with no additional stipulations.

Resolution setting public hearing on proposed conveyance of city owed real estate and establishing bid process(Old City Hall) for September 22,2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Motion by Hoffman second by Mohni to approve Resolution **25-69** setting public hearing on proposed conveyance of city owed real estate and establishing bid process(Old City Hall) for September 22,2025 at 6:30 p.m. With the addition of a 60-day closing provision. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Mohni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resolution setting public hearing on zoning change (Okoboji School District) at 6:32 p.m.
Motion by Hoffman second by Hinshaw to approve Resolution **25-70** setting public hearing on zoning change (Okoboji School District) at 6:32 p.m. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Mohni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resolution setting public hearing on amendment of the code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa) Chapter 7 Fiscal Management) at 6:34 p.m.
Motion by Hoffman second by Worshek to approve Resolution **25-71** setting public hearing on amendment of the code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa) Chapter 7 Fiscal Management) at 6:34 p.m. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Mohni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resolution setting public hearing on amendment of the Zoning code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa regarding notice at 6:36 p.m.
Motion by Hoffman second by Mohni to approve Resolution **25-72** setting public hearing on amendment of the Zoning code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa regarding notice at 6:36 p.m. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Mohni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resolution setting hearing on amendment of the code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa (Chapter 69 Parking Regulations) at 6:38 p.m.
Motion by Hoffman second by Worshek to approve Resolution **25-73** setting hearing on amendment of the code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa (Chapter 69 Parking Regulations) at 6:38 p.m. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Mohni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Resolution setting public hearing on amendments to the code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa (Chapter 50 Nuisance Abatement Procedures) at 6:40 p.m.
Motion by Mohni second by Hoffman to approve Resolution **25-74** setting public hearing on amendments to the code of ordinances of the City of Milford, Iowa (Chapter 50 Nuisance Abatement Procedures) at 6:40 p.m. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hinshaw, Frederick, Hoffman, Worshek and Mohni. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on Boji Toilets invoice.
This invoice will be paid out of the hotel/motel tax and made out to the Milford RAGBRAI to reimburse for this expense. It will be approved at the next meeting.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Ballis informed the council of a Calkins Park Committee meeting on August 28th at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center Board Room to discuss the future of the property.
Ballis relayed that the National Fitness Court has shipped with an expected arrival of August 26th. She also reported a mishap involving a fire truck on August 9th, which has been turned over to ICAP; the deductible is $2,500 and the total cost is not yet known. Ballis further noted that the City Code review process will move forward on September 8th, and chapters have been emailed to the council for review prior to the meeting.
Councilmember Hoffman reported on a recent meeting with Drew Hage, Spirit of Okoboji, and Beck Engineering regarding 23rd Street, noting all parties are in agreement thus far. He stated there will be further discussions this week regarding sewer and other property opportunities, and he will provide an update at the next council meeting. A plan is being developed that may or may not include sewer, depending on Hage's input, and Hoffman noted that most other details are finalized.
Councilmember Mohni inquired about the status of Mediacom's work in town. Councilmember Hoffman suggested inviting a representative to a future meeting to provide an update and answer questions.
Mayor Anderson reported a meeting with Beck Engineering regarding conflicts of interest with the city. The city emphasized that its engineering firm should have precedence on city infrastructure rather than reviewing plans for developers and Beck Engineering agreed not to take on such work going forward. Anderson wanted the council informed of the discussion.
Mayor Anderson informed the council of discussions with MMU regarding Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). The previous MOU for the A34 project led to cost issues, as MMU's engineer estimate was much lower than the actual bid, and MMU refused to cover the difference. Going forward, MMU will be responsible for all electrical and water-related costs, including conduit, wire, transformers, pipes, connections, and fire hydrants, while the city will cover conduit, electric wire for street lighting, light poles, anything related to sewer/storm sewer and road base. Both parties will review costs before proceeding. MMU's caveat is that if they feel a project is too expensive, they will drop out; if the city does not find the cost excessive, it will either move forward or send the project back out for rebid.

With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Hoffman second by Mohni at 7:44 p.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven R. Anderson, Mayor Lissa Ballis Deputy City Clerk