

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
MILAN CITY HALL, 147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN, 48160**

Mayor Muckler called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Muckler, Council Members Armitage, Chapin, Churchill, Dotson, Gilson, Hamden

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Swayze, Clerk/Treasurer Steinwedel, City Attorney Beach, Police Chief Lewis, Building/Zoning Official Grostick (excused), MIS Director Slay

OTHERS PRESENT: David Conger, Craig Patterson, Jim Gilson, Mike Gilson, James Baisden, Colleen Armitage, David Johnson, Andrea McKeen, Joyce Armitage, Dave MacPherson, Steve Cummings, Jim Huff, Jerry LaVaute, John Williams, Alena McKeen, Jennifer Michalek, Pete and John Blaine

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: January 25, 2010

Motion by Chapin, seconded by Gilson to approve the agenda with changes.

Remove Executive Session

Add: Brief Items: 1. Consider Sale of real property.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 11, 2010 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Dotson, seconded by Chapin to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Jim Gilson, 285 W. Second St. Backstreet Cruizers presented the Parks and Recreation with a check for \$250.

Steve Cummings, 60 Argyle Crescent returned from Iraq a couple of years ago and knows terrorism, IUD's, etc. He is upset with the publicity and airing of dirty laundry of Sgt. Tim Casey as he has shown true professionalism.

Pete Blaine, 39 1st St. thanked City Council for getting the alley repaved behind Fenders. Things just started getting really good then we stick our foot in our mouth. Men horseplay is more than women's, but it's a shame the way it played out. It should have been handled differently.

John Williams, 500 Asher Pass stated that the police situation should not have been played out the way it has. He hopes and prays that something good comes out of this for Sgt. Casey.

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MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND FILE:

1. Building/Assessing Monthly Report for November/December 2009.
2. Clerk/Treasurer Department Monthly Report for November/December 2009.
3. Police Department Monthly Report for December 2009.
4. Beautification Commission Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2009.
5. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2009.
6. Wade Trim Monthly Report for December 2009.

Motion by Churchill, seconded by Chapin to receive and file items #1 through #6.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM: State of the City Address by Mayor Muckler

(This item will be presented at the next City Council Meeting due to the Mayor's voice.)

MATTERS FOR ACTION:

- 1. Consider Resolution No. 2010-01 – A Resolution to Approve and Adopt a Revised Official Fee Schedule Pursuant to Section 2-74 of the Milan City Code.**

Motion by Chapin, seconded by Gilson to adopt Resolution No. 2010-01, which accepts the amended City of Milan Official Fee Schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Consider request for a PILOT (Payment In-Lieu of Taxes) for the McCalla Greene property (formally known as Canfield Crossing)**

Motion by Armitage, seconded by Churchill to approve the request from the WODA Group for a PILOT for the McCalla Greene housing development and direct the City Administrator to submit the proposed ordinance for first reading at the next council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Appointment of City Administrator, Department Heads and City Attorney's**

Motion by Chapin, seconded by Gilson to recognize the appointments as presented.

Appointments presented as follows:

Administrator/Parks and
Recreation Director
Clerk/Treasurer

Benjamin Swayze
Sherry L. Steinwedel

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Building/Zoning Official/
DPW Director
Police Chief
Assessor
City Attorney
Prosecuting Attorney

Robert Grostick
Jeffrey Lewis
Wolverine State Assessors
Bill Beach, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone
G. Stewart Isley

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and Accept Appointment/Resignation from the Downtown Development Authority

Motion by Hamden, seconded by Dotson to accept with regrets the resignation of Becca Collins from the Downtown Development Authority and accept the Mayor's Appointment of Teresa Snider to fill the vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority (term expiring 12/31/2010).

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider use of Wilson Park for Backstreet Cruizers Car Shows.

Motion by Churchill, seconded by Dotson to approve the use of Wilson Park for August 6, 2011, August 4, 2012 and August 3, 2013 for the Backstreet Cruizers Annual Car Show events.

Councilmember's Armitage and Gilson thanked the Backstreet Cruizers for working so well with the city and each are proud of the group.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL: \$222,479.30

Motion by Chapin, seconded by Dotson to pay the bills payable and payroll as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Pete Blaine, 39 1st Street is disturbed by "generic press release" and he wants city council to be able to tell how it is, not the muzzled version. City Council was elected and he wants to be informed and spoken to.

John Williams, 500 Asher Pass is the President of OG Car Club and he thanked the Backstreet Cruizers and he would also like to give \$100 to the Parks and Recreation.

MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS:

City Administrator Swayze thanked city council for goal setting work session and he will compile goals and then refine and use as a budget preparation document.

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Police Chief Lewis reported on an attempted home invasion on Jefferson Lane. He put the information out on Nixle and it helped an off duty officer with information to catch the culprits.

Also, the Police Community Advisory Board consists of Ed Swope, Ann Gee, James Huff, Mary Ochalak and Jordan Tomecek. It is a citizen to citizen board that acts as liaison to the public. There is currently an opening on the board, so please contact City Hall if anyone is interested on serving.

Council Member Chapin indicated that if he has something to say, he will say it. No one will muzzle him.

Council Member Hamden said that the Discover Milan News was mailed out this last week and is an incredible feat to grow the paper to this point. No one will muzzle him either, but he must be cautious of civil liberties infractions and must not comment until all investigations are complete.

Council Member Armitage reported that there will be a Foundation Dinner on February 27th. The MC will be Fox 2 News. He also thanked the Police Chief and Officers on the Nixle Program.

Council Member Gilson would like to consider a new name for the "Dam Wall". He also congratulated the cruisers and referenced the clean up and dredging of Ford Lake. Maybe the river level can be lowered to help with erosion.

Council Member Churchill cannot comment on outcome of any investigation and they must let the courts and/or process work through its course. No one will muzzle her either.

Also, her book will be out in bookstores within a week. The Arcadia Press has over 1000 pictures of historic Milan. Also available at Ace Hardware, Lighthouse Café and Marco's Pizza.

Mayor Muckler stated the city is in the middle of a personnel issue and it is the same process used for any alleged. We must let the process follow its course and take the emotion out of it.

The Milan Area Fire Department Report – The Executive Committee from the City is Councilman Chapin and herself. They met and approved the Standard Operating Procedures. The cost for a new pumper cost 475K. The City Dispatch Contract expires June 2010. The calls have been down since the City went to a Category 2 about 40%. The proposed budget is to be distributed and Council Member Chapin is on the committee from the City and they will meet again in March.

BRIEF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Consider Sale of Real Property – City Administrator Swayze distributed a packet of information for review and a work session has been scheduled for February 8, 2010 for discussion.

Additional items to be presented for Brief Items for Discussion at the February 8, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting will include a map with property lines and utilities marked, cost of city services vs. tax revenue, and information on other sales of similar property.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Chapin, seconded by Hamden to adjourn meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly A. Muckler, Mayor

Sherry L. Steinwedel, CMC, CPFA
Clerk/Treasurer