

VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2020
Milan Municipal Building
5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of August 3, 2020
4. Consideration of the Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
6. Consideration of an Amendment to Ordinance #1486 an Ordinance Establishing a Hotel Tax
7. Consideration of an Amendment to Ordinance #1662 adding a new territory within the Quad Cities Enterprise Zone.
8. Committee Reports
9. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
10. Adjourn

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Trustees Harry Stuart, Karen Wilson, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery and Jay Zimmerman answered present. No one was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2020

There being no corrections to the minutes as presented, Trustee Flannery moved to approve them and Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Finance Director Cox presented her Treasurer's Report beginning May 1, 2020 ending July 31, 2020.

The total General Fund revenue ending July 31, 2020 was \$1,606,914.84 expenditures were \$1,297,069. Major expenses were wages, health insurance and other professional services.

The total Garbage Fund revenue ending July 31 was \$118,314 and expenditures were \$77,833.

The total Camden Centre revenue for the fiscal year was negative \$800 due to rental refunds and expenditures were \$10,344. Primary expenses were health insurance and advertising.

The total Water/Sewer revenue for the fiscal year was \$455,986 and expenditures were \$590,560. Primary expenses were wage and Operations and Maintenance supplies.

Other notable expenses were the third payment to QCOMM, a W/S Bond payment and the purchase of body and vehicle cameras for the police.

There being no questions on the report, Trustee Karen Wilson moved to accept the report as presented and Trustee Zimmerman seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Zimmerman introduced the packet of payables to be approved tonight. He stated there is one list of semi-monthly payables in the amount of \$86,911.35 and three miscellaneous payables. Edwards Creative in the amount of \$3,799.49, Paragon in the amount of \$5,020.60 and the Rock Island County Collector for taxes \$31,932.92 totaling \$36,953.52.

He stated some of the larger Semi-Monthly Bills are MidAmerican Energy, Meritain Health Inc., Thompson Truck & Trailer, Millenium Waste Inc. and KPH Solar Farms LLC. These bills account for \$54,876.81 of the \$86,911.35 semi-monthly bills.

He stated Paragon payment for the QCOMM furniture was prepaid to the village so there was no actual cost to the village for that payment. All the bills seem to be in order so if there are no questions, he moved to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Jerry Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Karen Wilson, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery, Jay Zimmerman and Harry Stuart voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 1486 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HOTEL TAX

Attorney Scott stated he had some reservations regarding the amendment of the Hotel Tax Ordinance. Some of the changes needed to include B & B and 3rd party rental hotel occupancy tax are lengthy. He would like to take some time to review what changes would have to be made to the existing ordinance and decide if a whole new ordinance would be more appropriate.

Mayor Dawson stated this agenda item has been discussed at two separate Council Meetings and he would like a motion to clear it from further agendas until a decision on how it should be treated, either as an amendment to the existing ordinance or as a new ordinance.

Trustee Karen Wilson moved to clear it from any further agendas until Attorney Scott reports back to the Mayor on what direction should be taken. Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 1662 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, CITY OF MOLINE, ILLINOIS, CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, CITY OF SILVIS, ILLINOIS, VILLAGE OF MILAN, ILLINOIS AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS" BY REVISING SECTION 1, EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" TO INCLUDE NEW TERRITORY WITHIN THE QUAD CITIES ENTERPRISE ZONE

Administrator Seiver stated Moline would like to add the Sam's Club building to the Quad Cities Enterprise Zone. Moline states renovation of the building would not be possible without the assistance the Enterprise Zone provides. Furthermore the building qualifies for expansion in accordance with the provision of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act.

Administrator Seiver stated there is adequate space within the Enterprise Zone for the project. Vibrant and 3M are the businesses that will occupy the building.

Mr. Seiver stated if the Ordinance is passed it will allow Mayor Dawson to sign an intergovernmental agreement with all municipalities and County within the Quad City Enterprise Zone.

Mayor Dawson stated Enterprise Zones allow the materials used to renovate the building to be purchased in Illinois tax free. Although this reduces revenue it will keep business in Illinois and produce revenue from other sources.

Trustee Karen Wilson moved to pass Ordinance 1729 and to allow Mayor Dawson to sign the intergovernmental agreement adding territory to the Quad City Enterprise Zone as described. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery, Jay Zimmerman, Harry Stuart and Karen Wilson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Harry Stuart asked why the Village Clerk's Office is closing at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5:00 per Ordinance #900. He has received complaints of people coming to the Municipal building to pay their water bill and the doors were locked. If this is the new closing time we should let the public know and change the ordinance.

Administrator Seiver stated due to COVID-19 and other public disturbances lately the hours have been varying. The public has the option to pay their bill by using the drop box or by phone for credit card debit, credit or ACH payments. The extra half hour gives the employee time to close out the business day and get the deposit for the bank done.

Trustee Zimmerman stated if we close at 4:30 p.m. it should be noted on the front door and also on the Milan web page and the water bills. We need to let the public know.

Finance Director Cox stated since we open at 8:30 she sees more people come in for problems with their bills, directions to the police department and cash payments and less people between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Wilson stated some people do not pay their bills until the last day and if they don't know the office now closes at 4:30 instead of 5:00 they may get a penalty, because now they must pay the bill late.

Trustee Stickell feel some people prefer to pay with cash in person and won't use the drop box for cash, so they have to make another trip back to the office.

Clerk Lee stated the employee's idea to come in at 8:00 a.m. was to catch contractors who came in early to get or pick up permits, but since then Inspector Moller changed his hours to 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. so he catches the early morning traffic. I believe it is in the public interest to keep the office open until 5:00 p.m. by one full time person from the outer office.

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Mayor Dawson stated we are down two and one half people so more work has been placed on especially Arion. She is doing her work of Associate Finance Director and Finance Director. We are missing the Associate Finance Director, a person to be at the administration desk acting as assistant to the Administrator and Mayor and the part time person in the Clerk's Office.

Trustee Karen Wilson stated we will be having several weeks of medical leave in the Clerk's Office so we need to fill the 3rd person position there soon.

Trustee Stickell stated he would like to see full time hired instead of part-time. They seem to stay longer and can become a more valuable employee.

Administrator Seiver stated the AFSCME contract was a reopener for wages only. Those contract negotiations were extended to January 2021. When the budget passed it was cautiously optimistic that we could finish the year within the budget without layoffs. Depending on the revenues remaining the same we could still be ok with the new hires.

Mayor Dawson stated a meeting should be held to discuss the filling of these positions as soon as possible.

Trustee Flannery congratulated Administrator Seiver on catching the fact two meters at Dickson Park were having no usage and we were being charged a minimum fee. These meters have been temporarily disconnected saving us the cost of the fee.

APPOINTMENT TO THE R.I. COUNTY METROPOLITAN MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD

Mayor Dawson stated he was informed by Trustee Jerry Wilson that he would like to retire from the RICMMD Board. Mayor Dawson stated Mr. Wilson has served for a number of years as Milan's representative on the board and has done a good job representing Milan.

Mayor Dawson with the approval of the Council would like to appoint Mr. Dave Krouth. Mr. Krouth has checked out what his duties would entail as Milan's representative on the Board and is willing to accept the position.

Trustee Karen Wilson moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Dave Krouth as Milan's representative to the RICMMD Board. Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

Mayor Dawson introduced Brent and April Bowlyou owners of Bowlyou's Ice Cream and Grill at 503 W. 10th Ave. Milan.

Mr. Bowlyou gave a brief description of the couple's business and life goals. He stated he owns a similar business to the one in Milan, in Aledo. At this time he is purchasing on contract the building and property his business in Milan is located at. He has just finished blacktopping the parking lot has added a drive thru. He is working toward purchasing more property to the North of the building. Both he and his wife are very community oriented and would like to build that property into something that people can use for fundraisers for the village and other similar activities. He has received a Federal PPP Grant and has filled out a TIF application as well as a CBALP application. He is asking the Board for any other financial assistance available.

Mrs. Bowlyou stated she has rented a space at 528 1st Street West, Milan to open a small intimate bridal and event shop which she is planning to open in November 7th this year. She feels her business will bring in customers from the rural areas and bring business to other existing businesses in Milan. A wedding for instance could be completely furnished through Milan businesses such as flowers, beauty shops, catering and event settings such as the Camden Center. She will be hiring event planners to help her customers plan their special events.

She is also asking for financial assistance for her new business.

Administrator Seiver stated he just received information on a new grant which is being offered through a combination of three different sources. He feels it is a perfect match for Mr. Bowlyou's business, but would not work for Mrs. Bowlyou. He and Mayor Dawson can work with both of them on other types of assistance available.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Jerry Wilson so moved and Trustee Zimmerman seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk