

VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday February 21, 2022
Milan Municipal Building
5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the February 7, 2022 Minutes
4. Consideration of the January Treasurer’s Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly & Miscellaneous Bills
6. Proclamation Junior Achievement Day April 7, 2022
7. Consideration of Adjusting the Water/Sewer Rates
8. Committee Reports
9. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
10. Adjourn

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Trustees Karen Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Michelle Hubbard and Mayor Duane Dawson present. Trustees Jay Zimmerman, Harry Stuart, and Cassandra Mikaio were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF February 7, 2022

Mayor Dawson asked if there were corrections or additions to the minutes of February 7, 2022. There being none, he asked for a motion.

Trustee Stickell moved to approve them as presented and Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees and Mayor voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY 2022 TREASURER’S REPORT

Finance Director, Arion Cox stated due to illnesses all of her employees were off today. She was not able to complete the Treasurer’s report, because she had to fill in and get the payroll done today. She will present the January report at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Dawson stated he understands due to illness, two people are absent and one is still working from home leaving Arion to pick up their work as well as her own. We will expect the report at the March 7th meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY & MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Karen Wilson stated she, Trustee Hubbard and Finance Director Cox has gone over the bills. The large bills included a check to the Rock Island County Treasurer for surplus TIF revenues in the amount of \$1,429,711.78 which is most of the total amount of the payables. Other large bills included a payment of \$19,170 to the United States Treasury, \$9,970 to Crawford to replace the HAVAC unit at the village’s building at 321 W. 2nd Avenue, Prairie State Tractor for \$9,449.93 to repair a tractor and the payment to IL Public Risk Fund for insurance. They found nothing unusual in the bills.

The total payables presented for payment is \$1,531,624.46, if there are no questions on them, Trustee Wilson moved to approve the payables in that amount. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Wilson, Stickell, Hubbard and Mayor Dawson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General	\$ 48,963.43
Payroll Tax	19,170.00
Garbage	3,585.98
Camden Centre	212.79
TIF I	1,003,309.20

TIF II	389,808.68
TIF III	46,563.90
Insurance Reserve	4,018.20
Water/Sewer	15,992.28
TOTAL	\$1,531,624.46

Proclamation Junior Achievement Day April 7, 2022

Mayor Dawson read a proclamation making Junior Achievement Day April 7, 2022. This Proclamation is as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Junior Achievement of the Heartland for empowering our young people to own their economic success.

Mayor Dawson stated Junior Achievement is a very good program.

Consideration of Adjusting the Water/Sewer Rates

Mayor Dawson stated at the last meeting it was decided to have Attorney Scott draw up an Ordinance which would increase the water/sewer rates 5% for each of the next three years. He stated 5% would probably not cover the inflated costs of chemicals, gas and electric costs to run the plant. Inflation is at 7% now so a carryover of 10% may be necessary. Attorney Scott sent Ordinances to cover three different scenarios for the Council to discuss.

Trustee Wilson stated her motion was to increase the w/s rate by 5% for each of the next three years. She will not vote on the carryover of 10%.

Administrator Seiver stated passing an Ordinance which projects out a year or so will give the residents a heads up of what is coming so they can plan for it. He recommend we look at year two in February next year and start the adjustment this year in July.

Finance Director Cox asked that the adjustment be passed by May at the latest so the billing clerk can get the rates changed and do a sample run to make sure everything is working correctly.

Mayor Dawson stated there should be no reason for it not to be done by then. No action will be taken on the Ordinance this evening.

Trustee Wilson moved to table the Ordinance to adjust w/s rates until the first meeting in April. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees and Mayor Dawson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Trustee Stickell stated the heating and air conditioning unit has been replaced at our leased building at 321 West 2nd Avenue.

He reported the Building Permits were \$5,000 for January which is remarkable for this time of year.

Trustee Karen Wilson stated she would like to have a meeting regarding the process for paying sick time for salaried employees. She would like to get all of the benefits given salaried employees written into a Resolution.

Administrator Seiver submitted a picture of how the festival committee proposes to set things up at Camden Park for the Labor Day Festival. He also handed out the press release about the festival.

Mayor Dawson stated the only cost the village would have is to allow the use of the park and pick up the garbage. They are currently planning on holding the festival from Thursday September 1st through Monday September 5th. The costs of lighting and security will have to be decided. In the past the village picked up the overtime for the police and paid for the lighting at Dickson Park. We may get some help with that from the Festival Committee, as they are hoping to get corporate sponsorship from area companies. They will also be adding the Village of Milan as additionally insured on their Liability Insurance Policy.

Administrator Seiver stated there will be a Planning Commission public hearing at the Community Center at 5:00 p.m. on February 22nd. One item being discussed is a petition from Dr. Fiscella, owner of Legends at Mill Creek, housing addition. He wants to rezone Outlot A back to Agricultural. The plan for the housing development was to be done in two phases. Outlot A was never planned for development other than a walking trail, as it has a tendency to flood when Mill Creek floods. The Planning Commission approved the plan as such. The first phase would be single family homes and the second phase would be either Condos or multiple family dwellings such as an apartment building.

Mr. Ficella feels he could sell Outlot A if it were Agricultural. It would also lower his taxes or maybe increase the value.

Mr. Dave Krouth, member of the Planning Commission stated there are many functions allowed in an Agricultural Zoning some of which could be detrimental to the existing single family homes built in the addition.

Mr. Seiver questions whether the rezoning would increase its value and is going to suggest Dr. Fiscella talk to the Township Supervisor before assuming the price of the property or the taxes would change.

Mr. Seiver stated another item being discussed is the purchase of lots 1 and 5 in the Milan Business Park. He discussed this with Mr. Ron Glassner regarding the sale. Mr. Glassner also wants a TIF Agreement for the business they are proposing to put on the lots if the purchase goes through.

Mayor Dawson stated he recommends a TIF Development Agreement should be given to them. He would like to hold off on rezoning the properties, as Mr. Glassner wants, until the sale of the lots are finalized.

Administrator Seiver stated Andy and Cherie Sandquist have contacted him regarding a loan through our Economic Development Business Loan Program. He stated they will receive a \$10,000 loan for three years at 1% interest. They will be using the loan for "Pre-Check" equipment and any other updates they need in their business.

Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board

Mr. Dave Krouth stated Carole from Metro-Link has sent out the Milan MetroLink ridership report to everyone who asked for it.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees and Mayor Dawson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk