



2019 Year In Review

MILTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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The City of Milton was the fastest growing community in Rock County in 2019, with the lowest mill rate of any City in Rock County for budget year 2019.

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The City of Milton saw an increase of over \$31.3 million in equalized value in 2019.

The City has seen it's overall equalized value increase by \$74.6 million, or 21%, in the last three years alone.

2019 Accomplishments



Police Department:

- Patrol Lieutenant Johnson completed three week “Leadership in Police Organizations” course
- Chief Marquardt completed FEMA Basic Academy
- Many officers participated in county-wide active shooter response training
- Officer Peck attended crisis intervention team training
- Participated in national traffic safety campaigns (Click it or Ticket, etc.) As a result, received 2 separate \$4000 grants from the Wisconsin Bureau of Traffic Safety
- Walmart’s Shop with a Cop program was transitioned from Janesville PD to Milton PD
- Increased traffic stops by 4.5% over 2018 with a goal of decreasing accidents. Traffic accidents decreased by 6.5% over 2018.
- Total calls for service increased 8%
- Chief Marquardt increased his involvement with the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, becoming a regular presenter
- Numerous public engagement opportunities
 - Shop with a Cop, Walmart and Farm and Fleet
 - Lunch with a Cop, all 4th graders at Northside
 - MPL Storytime
 - Coffee with the Chief
 - Special Olympics Cop on a Rooftop
 - Police department tours

2019 Accomplishments



Milton Public Library:

- Increased circulation of physical library materials by 9% from last year with a total of 103,328 checkouts.
- Increased circulation of electronic materials by 22% from last year.
- Increased library visits by 5.8% from last year for a total of 96,605 visits.
- Had 513 unique programs, such as one-on-one technology help, school visits, fundraisers, STEAM activities, reading initiatives, and more, with a total of **12,876** program participants.
- Started the library's Check Out MPL podcast
- Introduced more unique non-traditional library materials with Emmy's EarlyLit Kits and Sitter Sacks.
- Updated all the library policies and created an Occupant Emergency Plan.
- Held several successful fundraisers

2019 Accomplishments



Public Works:

- Reconstruction of Front Street and Windsor Court
- Street maintenance performed on over 5.25 miles of road in the City of Milton
- Lift Station and Force Main construction along Parkveiw Drive
- Reviewed, approved, and oversaw Red Hawk Farms subdivision expansions (32 new homes)
- Extended West Gailen Lane, Hilltop and Rainbow Drive (developers expense)
- Reviewed and approved Red Hawk Apartment Complex (108 units)
- Worked with the Milton School District on 4 expansion projects (East, West, Middle, and High Schools)
- Moved commercial inspections from in house to contract
- Hired a City Engineer
- Installed new playground equipment at Water Tower Park
- Instrumental in code enforcement oversight and assistance
- Worked with the Veterans Group to construct the Veterans Park Pavilion

2019 Accomplishments



City Finances:

- The City's debt service ratio decreased from 59.27% to 51.09%
 - This would have been 54.6% had the Council not approved the early payoff on December 30th
 - This number was over 82% in 2014
- \$211,856 was earned in interest income (66% increase over 2018)
- \$11,592 was earned in credit card rebates for the Parks Fund

2019 Accomplishments



City Statistics:

- Administered 26 City Payrolls, 26 Gathering Place Payrolls, 26 Fire Department Payrolls
- Processed 9,040 cash/check/credit card transactions at the window/mail/drop box
- Processed 3,641 credit card transactions
- DPW processed an additional 270 cash/check/credit card transactions
- City issued 639 checks, 116 and processed 293 credit card transactions for a total of \$11.8M
- Mailed 14,400 utility bills
- Issued 15 special event permits
- Issued 120 park rental permits
- Completed 8 “We Are Milton” Podcasts
- Facebook “Likes” have increased from 2,067 to 2,684 (29.85% increase) Jan. 2019 to Dec. 2019
- Instagram “Followers” have increased from 434 to 618 (42.4% increase) Aug. 2019 to Jan. 2020

2019 Accomplishments



Economic Development:

- Over \$31.3 Million in new valuation growth in 2019
- Fastest growing community in Rock County
- Over \$9 Million in private commercial and industrial development and investment
 - Up \$3M from last year
- Over \$8.4M in residential construction including 32 new housing starts
 - Up \$4.5M from last year
 - 32 single family homes
 - 8 multi family units
 - Nearly \$1M in renovations alone
- 16 new business start ups



2020 Goals



2020 Goals and Initiatives:

- Complete the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan for the Milton Public Library
- Complete the Department of Public Instruction's Inclusive Services Assessment at MPL
- Police Department, on-site, Reaccreditation
- Expand county-wide active shooter preparation including training alongside Fire and EMS
- Integrate the City's first in-house Engineer
- Update the City's Special Event and Alcohol Ordinances
- Update the City's record retention policy
- Review all City webpages and documents to assess accessibility
- Create a 10-Year Capital Improvement Program
- Create a City Economic Development Policy
- Continue to provide quality service to all citizens of Milton

2020 Challenges



2019 Challenges:

- Debt service
 - \$0.24 of every tax dollar collected goes to debt service
- Maintaining service levels with declining funding
- Balancing service delivery with priorities versus incidents
- Increasing tax base
- Maintaining and preserving the “Milton Way” of life