

**City of Milton
Common Council
August 18, 2020**

Call to Order and Confirmation of Appropriate Meeting Notice.

Mayor Anissa Welch called the August 18, 2020 meeting of the Common Council to order at 6:01 p.m. Administrative Services Director Inga Cushman confirmed appropriate meeting notice.

Present: Mayor Anissa Welch, Ald. Theresa Rusch, Ald. Ryan Holbrook, Ald. Lynda Clark, Ald. Larry Laehn, Ald. Bill Wilson, and Ald. Devin Elliott.

Also Present: City Administrator Al Hulick, Public Works Director Howard Robinson, City Attorney Mark Schroeder, Finance Director / Treasurer Dan Nelson, Library Director Ashlee Kunkel, City Engineer Mark Langer, Police Chief Scott Marquardt, Fire Chief Ernie Rhodes, and Administrative Services Director Inga Cushman.

Approval of Agenda

Ald. Clark motioned to approve the agenda. Ald. Wilson seconded, and the motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ald. Clark led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments regarding items which can be affected by Council Action

Mayor Welch welcomed those in attendance and asked if there were anyone in attendance who wished to speak.

Beth Drew, 8215 North Ridge Trail – Introduced herself as a candidate for the 43rd Assembly District.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. **Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes - August 4, 2020**
- b. **Municipal Court Report - July 2020**

Ald. Wilson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Ald. Holbrook seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Commercial Façade Grant Nate's Landscaping and Snow Removal Located at 939 East Storrs Lake Road.

Ald. Clark motioned to approve the Façade Improvement Grant Application for Nate's Landscaping and Snow Removal located at 939 E. Storrs Lake Road based on the actual cost of improvements upon completion. Ald. Laehn seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution 2020-23 Petitioning the Office of Railroad Commissioner for a Potential Upgrade to the Rail Crossing at Putman Parkway

Ald. Wilson motioned to approve Resolution 2020-23 authorizing the petition to the Office of Railroad Commission for potential alterations at the existing rail crossing located at Putman Parkway. Ald. Rusch seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Granting of a Temporary Grading Easement and a Utility and Stormwater Drainage Easement

Ald. Clark motioned to approve the Temporary Grading Easement and Utility and Stormwater Drainage Easement. Ald. Holbrook seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and Action on a request made by Casey's Marketing Company for appointment of a new alcohol license agent

Ald. Clark motioned to grant Casey's Marketing Company's request to appoint Anthony Hawks as alcohol license agent for Casey's General Store #1992. Ald. Rusch seconded, and the motion carried.

Presentation, Discussion, and Direction Regarding the Milton Fire Department Structure and Funding Scenarios

Director Nelson and Chief Rhodes presented options to the Common Council, and the Common Council discussed the two scenarios.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Development of a 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

Director Cushman led the Council in a discussion the Mission, Vision, and Values for the organization.

General Items

a. Committee Reports

Ald. Elliott provided an update from the Parks & Recreation Commission. A mosaic butterfly art piece will be installed at Story Gardens at the Milton Public Library on August 20, 2020 around 6 p.m. Arbor Day will be celebrated in Milton on September 19. A proclamation will be on a future Council agenda. The commission is planning to plant trees at Veterans Park on September 19 at 10 a.m. in celebration of Arbor Day. The Parks & Recreation Commission is starting the community engagement portion of the development of a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The plan will guide decisions about park improvements over the next five years and open the door for additional grant opportunities. A survey is available to the public and there will be a public input meeting on September 10, 2020 at 6 p.m. (virtual).

Ald. Clark reminded everyone to support Milton's local businesses and restaurants. She also requested a future agenda item be a discussion on zoning ordinances related to at-home businesses.

b. Staff Reports

Engineer Langer stated Janesville Street construction began today. The road will be closed to traffic, and there is a detour route established. There were some questions from the property owners in the area about traffic control, and some adjustments in signage were made with the contractor. The chip sealing as part of the 2020 pavement

maintenance bid is underway, and will be done by the end of August. Staff is working on receiving pricing for some concrete repair work on Madison Avenue and Janesville Street.

Director Robinson stated staff will be completing hydrant repairs, and Engineer Langer is going to receive water valve replacement prices. Staff is still removing dead trees, and the contractor is finishing sidewalk projects.

Chief Marquardt stated he attended a county-wide peer support training today. Rock County received a grant that will help fund a position and other initiatives focused on peer support.

Director Kunkel provided an update on the library. The Food Truck Rally is scheduled for August 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is working with a group of volunteers on the relaunch of Friends of the Milton Public Library. The annual Library Lope running event is virtual for 2020. Interviews are taking place next week for the library's Tween & Technology Assistant position.

c. Team Building Exercise.

The strategic plan discussion served as the team building.

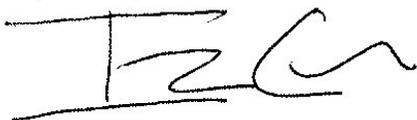
Next Meetings ~ August 19, 2020 (Joint Town Board / City Council)

The next meeting of the Common Council will be a joint meeting with the Town of Milton Town Board on August 19, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

Ald. Holbrook motioned to adjourn the August 18, 2020 meeting of the Common Council at 7:43 p.m. Ald. Clark seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inga Cushman', written over a horizontal line.

Inga Cushman
Administrative Services Director