

**CITY OF MILACA
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 16, 2025**

Call to Order Roll Call

Mayor Dillan called the meeting of the Milaca City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Upon roll call, the following council members were present: Mayor Dave Dillan, Councilors: Norris Johnson, Lindsee Larsen, Ken Muller and Tim Poorker.

Staff present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, Chief Quinn Rasmussen, Fire Chief Jesse Gerads and City Attorney Damien.

Others present: Chris Carlson, Jesse Hadrava (Borgholm Township board)

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the agenda. Larsen made a motion for approval, seconded by Poorker. Mayor Dillan stated there were a couple of additions to the agenda: Under Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions Item j. 1-4 remove from agenda; under New Business add f. Granite Bench in memory of Dorothy Gorecki, g. Resolution #25-36 Accepting Grant Navigator Funding and h. Move November council meeting date. With no further discussion, all in favor of the approval of the agenda. Motion passes.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes-Special Council Meeting September 10, 2025
- b. Approval of Minutes-September 18, 2025
- c. Approval of Bills
- d. Approval of 3rd Quarter Financial Reports
- e. Resolution #25-32 Assessing Unpaid Water/Sewer Bills
- f. Resolution #25-33 Assessing Mowing Costs
- g. Resolution #25-34 Assessing Unpaid Charges for Service

Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Muller made a motion for approval, seconded by Johnson. Poorker commented that he was surprised at the amount of salt that is used and asked if this was normal price. Pfaff stated yes. No further discussion. All in favor of the Consent Agenda; motion passes.

Citizen Open Forum

Mayor Dillan asked if anybody present wanted to address anything not on the agenda. Chris Carlson and Jesse Hadrava from Borgholm Township were present. Carlson stated the township was going to apply

for another local road improvement grant for 100th Ave. east of town between Co. Rd. 2 and 130th Street. We are looking for a letter of support by December 1st. Hadrava stated they have been tracking the volume of traffic on this road between 130th and 140th just south of Co. Rd. 2 and we are getting from 300-500 cars a road in one day in that one-mile stretch. We are expecting costs around \$700,000. Pfaff stated she can do that letter of support and send to Carlson.

Public Hearing:

Requests and Communications

Ordinances and Resolutions

Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions

City Manager – Pfaff stated the city has received a grant from the League of MN Cities to help pay for grant writing for the Milaca Junction Addition in the amount of \$4,975. Pfaff stated Mayor Dillan wrote a grant through the Impowering Cities for \$5,000 and Pfaff wrote a grant for \$10,000 through the Initiative Foundation.

Police – Chief Rasmussen was going to have the summary as a handout tonight but internet was down. New officer has started. He has worked for the city before from 2015-2016, Officer Armstrong. The PD has been going on a week and a half of learning a new record/dispatching system. Trying to get back to full staff. We have a couple we will interview and hope to get full staffed again.

Parks –

Public Works – Accept Feasibility Report for Rum River Cooperative School: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Muller. Poorker asked if the city would be assessing the costs for this and then have a public hearing and Pfaff stated that was correct. Johnson stated that it cuts across other property so we would need to get an easement and Pfaff stated yes. She further stated that it benefits the other property to become more saleable because they could hook up to water and sewer that way. No other discussion. All in favor of the Feasibility Report for Rum River Cooperative School; motion passes.

Call for a Public Improvement Hearing for the Rum River Special Education Coop: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Larsen. Pfaff stated the Public Hearing would be held November 19, if we change the council meeting to the 19th. No other discussion. All in favor of Calling for a Public Improvement Hearing for the Rum River Special Education Coop; motion passes.

Accept Feasibility Report for 10th Ave SE and Hwy 23 E: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Poorker, seconded by Larsen. Pfaff explained that the city approached the Siemers family on the north side of Hwy 23 if they would like water and sewer stubbed in during the Hwy 23 MN Dot project. If they go through with this, we have at least notified them. Poorker asked if they approached the city about doing this and Pfaff stated we approached them. It would be assessed to them as well. Dillan asked if they have made a decision and Pfaff stated no. Johnson asked what time frame do they have? Pfaff stated they have until December. Poorker asked if the expenses would be more after the Hwy 23 project and Pfaff stated yes. Just the cost of construction goes up. Johnson asked what size is the lot and Pfaff was not sure. No further discussion. All in favor of Accepting the Feasibility Report for 10th Ave SE and Hwy. 23 E (#21-000-3010); motion passes.

Call for a Public Improvement Hearing for 10th Ave SE and Hwy. 23 E: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Muller. Pfaff stated the same thing that the public hearing would be November 19th at 6 pm. No other discussion. All in favor of Calling for a Public Improvement Hearing for 10th Ave SE and Hwy. 23 E; motion passes.

Liquor Store -

Fire Department – Fire Chief Gerads was present and stated the fire department has applied for a grant for some grain bin rescue equipment and we were awarded that. We are going to buy a trailer to put the equipment in. We did not get that rescue truck but we will keep our eyes open. Fire in Foreston last night. Pfaff stated the grant funds came today and the invoice will be given to Deloris for payment. Open House seemed a little lower in attendance but the weather was really nice.

Planning & Zoning- Items were removed for tonight

Airport –

Committees

Budget:

EDC: Lots are listed for Milaca Junction Addition.

Unfinished Business

New Business

a. Senior Center Flooring Quotes: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion made by Poorker, seconded by Johnson. Johnson asked if the cost was totally the city expense? Pfaff stated the MAC was going to help with the costs as they got a grant. Pfaff stated the lowest quote was \$18,048.50 from Ground house renovation. No other discussion. All in favor of quote from Ground house renovation for \$18,048.50; motion passes.

b. Contractor's Request for Payment #2 to Molitor Excavating in the Amount of \$111,076.81: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Muller. Gerads questioned why a portion of the sidewalk was not replaced. Pfaff stated because that portion had been replaced not that long ago and they opted to not tear up that new portion. Poorker asked why the cones were still there? No one had an answer for that. No further discussion. All in favor. Contractor's Request for Payment #2 to Molitor Excavating in the amount of \$111,076.81 passes.

c. Special Event Application for Milaca Chamber-Community Tree Lighting: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Muller, seconded by Poorker. Pfaff stated for this event they close off the street. Mayor Dillan stated he stopped in there today and they added some things are trying to change it up a bit. No further discussion. All in favor of Special Event Application for Milaca Chamber-Community Tree Lighting. Motion passes.

d. Special Event Application for Milaca Meats Chili Cookoff: Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Larsen, seconded by Johnson. No further discussion. All in favor of Special Event Application for Milaca Meats Chili Cookoff. Motion passes.

e. *Temporary Off Premises Sales for Existing On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licensee for Milaca Legion Post #178:* Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Muller. No further discussion. All in favor of issuing Temporary Off Premises Sales for Existing On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licensee for Milaca Legion Post #178. Motion passes.

f. *Granite Bench in Memory of Dorothy Gorecki:* Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Larsen, seconded by Poorker. Mayor Dillan asked if a location had been decided yet and Pfaff stated no. Mayor Dillan stated the committee for Rec Fest has contacted him and they will be buying a tree in her memory as well and have it professionally planted down in Rec Park and they work with Gary on putting that in. No further discussion. All in favor of granite bench to be installed in Rec Park in memory of Dorothy Gorecki. Motion passes.

g. *Resolution #25-36 Accepting Grant Navigator Funding:* Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Larsen. No further discussion. All in favor of Resolution #25-36 Accepting Grant Navigator Funding. Motion passes.

h. *November City Council Date Change:* Mayor Dillan asked if meeting could get changed to Wednesday, November 19. Mayor Dillan called for a motion to approve. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Muller. No further discussion. All in favor of changing November council date to Wednesday, November 19. Motion passes.

Miscellaneous

Council Comments

Poorker stated he felt that he was blind-sided with the lawsuit that's going on with the city. Mayor Dillan stated that he was aware of the possibility from the information that Tammy sent to all of us. Muller stated he got the information from Tammy and the paper is going to have different information. Pfaff stated that he is welcomed to come into her office anytime. Poorker just stated that as a new council member he felt he should have been informed of this. Poorker then asked if there is a judgement against the city or if it is settled out of court where do those funds come from? City Attorney Toven stated there is a Special Meeting on the 30th and when we deal with pending litigation, those things are best discussed in closed session with the attorney that will be doing the litigation.

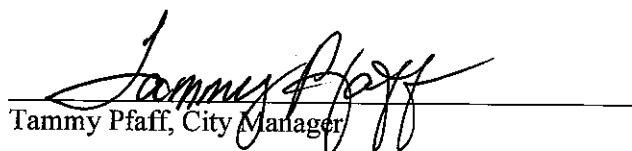
Mayor Dillan just wanted to remind people that tomorrow night is the Rum River Community Foundation October Fiesta out at the golf course from 5-9. Vicki did a great job of lining up distributors. Wendy has food. There will be games and prizes and should be a lot of fun. \$25 tickets including the food.

Adjourn:

Mayor Dillan called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Muller to adjourn. No further discussion. All in favor, motion to adjourn passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.


Mayor Dave Dillan

Attest:


Tammy Pfaff, City Manager