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City Hall Notes

Final 2022 City of Milaca Budget

As voted upon at the December 15, 2021 Milaca City Council meeting, the 2022 Budget is approved.

City of Milaca Final Budget Budget Summary by Fund									
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Liquor Fund	Deputy Registrar Fund	2022 Final Budget Total	2021 Comparative Total
REVENUES:									
Property Tax Levies	\$ 609,010	\$ -	\$ 340,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 949,980	\$ 975,000
Other Property Taxes	19,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,950	20,500
Tax Increments	-	42,000	-	-	-	-	-	42,000	42,000
Lodging Tax	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	600
Special Assessments	2,363	-	14,513	-	-	-	-	16,876	6,250
Intergovernmental	1,165,832	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,165,832	998,407
Licenses and Permits	54,615	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,615	52,400
Charges for Services	171,533	14,500	24,000	-	-	-	-	210,033	310,225
Fines and Forfeits	15,039	12,500	-	-	-	-	-	27,539	14,275
Interest Earned	16,150	6,442	-	10,000	11,000	8,800	1,000	53,392	52,988
Refunds and Reimbursements	6,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,300	6,000
Grants	26,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,250	25,000
Miscellaneous	158,000	41,750	-	-	-	-	-	199,750	161,450
Sales	-	-	-	615,568	371,850	2,650,862	210,456	3,848,736	3,604,400
Less: Cost of Sales	-	-	-	-	-	(1,839,375)	-	(1,839,375)	(1,753,000)
Other Income	-	-	-	3,500	3,500	500	1,500	9,000	8,500
Total Revenues	2,246,542	117,192	379,483	629,068	386,350	820,787	212,956	4,792,377	4,524,995
% Incr (Decr) over Prior Yr								5.9%	
EXPENDITURES:									
General Government	739,938	43,317	-	-	-	-	-	783,255	568,197
Public Safety	1,021,792	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,021,792	889,641
Public Works	428,613	-	-	-	-	-	-	428,613	425,339
Culture and Recreation	189,815	53,375	-	-	-	-	-	243,190	168,114
Miscellaneous	34,416	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,416	34,416
Debt Service:									
Principal	-	-	354,872.00	166,000	-	-	-	520,872	669,974
Interest	-	1,500	46,872	9,052	-	-	-	57,424	63,923
TIF	-	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Depreciation - Audit Adj. to Financi:	-	-	-	165,000	90,000	47,250	-	302,250	320,000
Operating Expenses	-	-	-	558,925	340,055	573,537.00	212,956	1,685,473	1,547,062
Total Expenditures	2,414,574	138,192	401,744	898,977	430,055	620,787	212,956	5,117,285	4,726,666
% Incr (Decr) over Prior Yr								8.3%	
Transfers In	208,000	7,500	31,316	-	-	-	-	246,816	196,865
Transfers Out	(31,316)	(15,500)	-	-	-	(200,000)	-	(246,816)	(196,865)
From Equipment Reserves	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,000	85,000
To Equipment Reserves	(125,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(125,000)	(85,000)
Excess (Deficit)	\$ 8,651	\$ (29,000)	\$ 9,055	\$ (269,909)	\$ (43,705)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (324,908)	\$ (201,671)
% Incr (Decr) over Prior Yr								61.1%	

2022 Project – Airport

The airport is getting rehabbed! The apron in front of the main hangar is getting new pavement, having exceeded its useful life. This is phase two of a three-phase project, and should greatly improve the runway look.



2022 Project – Streets

The Hidden Pines neighborhood is in for some street improvements! Bituminous replacement is scheduled for portions of 3rd & 4th Avenue NE, and portions of 11th & 12th Street NE. Additional work includes storm sewer repairs, some drain tile installation, and spot replacement of the concrete curb and gutter.

New Water Bill

Message Box

Customer Number

Bar Graph

Direct Payment

Meter Detail

Here are some of the changes, and how we feel it will benefit you as our customer:

Message Box

This is a great way to notify you of any events, whether it be holiday hours, winter parking, or even just to wish you a happy day.

Customer Number

Your account number is now an easy-to-remember 8-digit number! If you are paying via bank generated check, or online at <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/payments>, please include this number in the 00-0000-00 format.

Bar Graph

This box shows your monthly water/sewer usage. Please note that there's only a couple months' worth of data right now due to the switch to our new utility billing platform.

Direct Payment

This text shows that you do not have to send payment in; that your bank account will be automatically deducted. If you are signed up for Direct Payment and this is NOT indicated on your water bill, please call City Hall at (320) 983-3141. If you'd like to sign up for Direct Payment, the form can be found at <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/payments>.

Meter Detail

While not new, the Meter Detail box located on the lower portion of your bill is a great feature as well. You can see the dates the meters were read, the number of days in the billing cycles, your readings, and usage.

Bottom Portion

This portion of the bill should be submitted with payment. We hope to have it perforated in the near future to make it easier to be included when you pay.

You may have noticed that your water/sewer billing is now a full sheet mailed in an envelope. After many years of the postcard billing not being received by residents, we've made this change while switching to a new utility billing program.

Billing items that have not changed:

Please allow 3-5 days for mailing. Payments should be postmarked by the 13th to avoid a late fee.

Alternatives to mailing your payment include signing up for Direct Payment (no fee sign up!) or to pay with your credit/debit card (minimum \$3 convenience fee). Both can be accessed at <https://www.cityofmilaca.org/payments>. Or just drop off your payment at City Hall!

If you have any questions about your new bill, give us a call at (320) 983-3141.

Police Department Notes

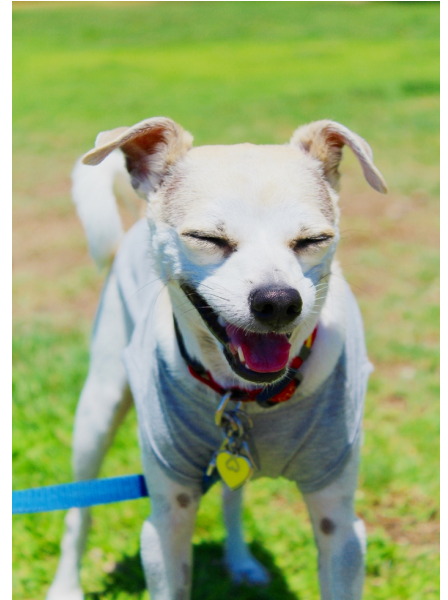
Rebecca Porter, Office Administration — (320) 983-6166

DOG LICENSES

Remember to license your dogs! The City of Milaca requires that all dogs over the age of four months residing with their owners within the city limits of Milaca be licensed and registered with the city. Dog licenses purchased now will be valid through December 31, 2023 (two years).

Licenses are issued by the Milaca Police Department, City Hall, 255 1st St. E, Milaca, (320) 983-6166. License fees are \$15 each for the first two dogs and \$30 for a third dog. There is a three dog maximum within the city limits. Please bring proof of current rabies/distemper vaccinations at the time of registering.

Registering your dog can help to keep your dog safe should it become lost. Dogs running loose are contained by the Milaca Police Department. If your dog is licensed/registered we can contact the owner so your dog can be quickly returned home. Dogs that are unlicensed are taken to animal control which can result in costly fees to get your dog released. Licensing your dog helps you and the Police Department.



Liquor Store Notes

Vicki Jeys, Manager — (320) 983-6255

Happy New Year Everyone!! Let's make 2022 a Great Year!

Whether you are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or any other special day with your friends and family, you need to visit us so that we may help you find the perfect drink. We can suggest great pairings for your meals or appetizers, or maybe just a hostess gift.

I am sure some of you are wondering what the large cement pad is on the north side of the building. Well, the rumor is not true, we are not putting up an outdoor tap bar, as great as that sounds!



Fingers crossed that in Spring, Summer at the latest, we will be putting up a Cave Cooler for all of our large packages of beer. This is going to free up room in our other coolers to add more Minnesota Brews, and premixed ready-to-drinks in the coolers.

Winter is here so let us help you stay warm with a hot drink idea that will warm your fingers and toes.

Thank you for all your support over 2021!



Parks & Public Works Notes

PARKS

Rec Park

The hockey rink and free skate area at Rec Park are officially open! Skating hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. In the event of snow, we ask that you do NOT shovel the hockey rink. This can cause berms to freeze to the ice, which means Public Works will have to close the rink to fix it. The warming house schedule is 4 to 10 p.m. on weekdays, and noon to 10 p.m. on weekends, depending on worker availability. There is also firewood for use in the firepit by the Gorecki Center.



PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Parking

Per ordinance, parking is prohibited on any street from 1 a.m. to 6a.m., November 1 through April 1. Please adhere to this rule to make sure our streets can be plowed thoroughly.

Snow, Ice, Dirt, or Rubbish

Per ordinance, all snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish must be removed from public sidewalks. The owner and/or occupant of any property adjacent to the walk has 24 hours to remove it.

Deputy Registrar Notes

Amy Cain, Deputy Registrar — (320) 983-3143

ROAD TESTING NOW AVAILABLE

The Deputy Registrar is open to the public Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for both walk-ins and appointments, which can be made on our website www.cityofmilaca.org/registrar. Cutoff time for walk-ins is 3:45 p.m. We are limiting the number of parties in the office to four so we can all stay safe, as well as keeping our doors unlocked.

If you need a question answered right away, please email us at depreg@milacacity.com and we'll get back to you as quickly as possible. If you need anything looked up that is not public information, you do have to come in. Otherwise please utilize the state's website to look at statuses of titles and driver's licenses. The drop box by our door can be used for tab renewals, DNR transactions, and even title transfers! The paperwork in the box is processed daily. Please fill out the provided form to go with the paperwork dropped off.

If you need a driver's license, please make an appointment as soon as you can as they do expire at midnight on your expiration date with no extensions.

Class D and CDL road tests are now offered at Milaca City Hall by DVS Examiners. Testing hours are from 9 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Knowledge testing will also be available on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Please note that appointments **MUST** be made via the MN DVS website (drive.mn.gov/). The Milaca Deputy Registrar is unable to answer questions or make appointments with regard to these tests. Questions can be directed to (651) 284-1234. We offer written class D knowledge tests in our office by appointment only, and it does cost \$10.00 to take it with us. We do the testing on a computer, and will read the questions out loud to those who need it.

Please be advised that if you are coming from out of state, you are required to do a written test. Allow a little extra time at your appointment if you are taking it with us.

If you have any questions for us, call us at **(320)983-3143** to leave a detailed message or email depreg@milacacity.com, and we will get back to you as soon as we can!

We appreciate all of our customers, so thank you for trusting us to serve you! Stay healthy and happy throughout the next year and we hope to see you soon!





Fire Department Notes

Jesse Gerads, Fire Chief — (320) 983-3465

SIX TIPS FOR WINTER

Winter Fire Safety Tips

1. Install and test alarms, carbon monoxide alarms should be tested at least once a month.
2. Never use an extension cord or power strip for space heaters, plug directly into an outlet.
3. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters, fireplace, or wood stoves.
4. Clean out your chimney and vents once a year
5. Don't leave candles unattended and never use them for emergency lighting. Have flashlights available and extra batteries.
6. If you have a fireplace, always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen.

Driving Tips in a Snowstorm

1. Don't drive! If you don't need to go out, stay home!
2. Drive slowly, and accelerate and decelerate slowly.
3. Increase your following and stopping distance 3 times more than normal.
4. Don't power up hills; take your time to maintain control.
5. Know your brakes — slow steady pressure when stopping.
6. Don't pass or tailgate snowplows. Same applies to emergency vehicles. Safety is more important than trying to get around them.

Snowmobile Safety Tips

1. Be prepared, wear the right gear, and know where you are if you need to report an accident.
2. Check the weather before you ride; don't get stuck in a storm.
3. Understand your machine and how speed and drag impacts stopping distance and control.
4. Slow Down! Excessive speed is the number one cause of snowmobile accidents.
5. Never drink and ride. Alcohol accounts for more than 70% of all snowmobile fatalities.
6. Keep right! Especially on hills and corners with limited visibility.



Milaca Chamber of Commerce Notes

Jordan DeBoer, Chamber President — (320) 983-3140

SUPPORTING MILACA, PEASE, BOCK, AND FORESTON

The Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce supports the economic growth and development of our business communities.

The Chamber is excited to have our new Executive Director, Shannon Milender, in office as of this fall. She is loving the opportunity to connect with community businesses and welcomes your conversations. She is holding office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings if you would like to meet with her about how we can be supporting you as a community business. We have multiple events planned for the first quarter of the year, both member-only and community events in partnership with the City of Milaca’s 125th anniversary festivities - the latest Chamber event information can be found on our website at milacachamber.com/events. If you would like to host one of our events for the year and showcase your business, please contact Shannon to learn more about this excellent promotion opportunity. We would welcome volunteers to get in touch with us to support and promote our community events.



Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce
Helping the Milaca Area Grow and Prosper all Seasons

CITY CALENDAR*

**Please remember this schedule is subject to change or cancellation.*

December 31, 2021

City Offices Closed – New Year’s Day Observed

January 17, 2022

City Offices Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

February 21, 2022

City Offices Closed – President’s Day

February 23, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

March 17, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

**All Open City Council Meetings are live streamed on our Facebook page*

Coming Up In 2022

Milaca’s 125th Anniversary! February 16, 1897 is when Milaca was officially incorporated. We will be planning events all year long to celebrate this momentous milestone, starting with Sno-Daze in February! All events will be published on our website and Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofmilacamn>



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