

**City of Milton**  
**Common Council Minutes**

1/3/2017 - Minutes

**1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Appropriate Meeting Notice.**

Mayor Anissa Welch called the January 3, 2017 Common Council meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Hilby confirmed the appropriate meeting notices were posted.

Present: Mayor Anissa Welch, Ald. Dave Adams (via phone), Ald. Jeremy Zajac, Ald. Maxine Striegl, Ald. Ryan Holbrook, Ald. Nancy Lader, and Ald. Lynda Clark.

Also Present: City Administrator Al Hulick, Assistant to the City Administrator Inga Cushman, City Attorney Mark Schroeder, Finance Director Dan Nelson, Police Chief Scott Marquardt, DPW Director Howard Robinson, and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Elena Hilby.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Ald. Holbrook moved to approve the agenda. Ald. Clark seconded, and the motion carried.

**3. Public comments regarding items which can be affected by Council Action**

Mayor Welch welcomed those in attendance and asked if there were any registered speakers. There were none.

**4. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Ald. Striegl moved to approve the consent agenda. Ald. Zajac seconded, and the motion carried.

**a. Approve Common Council Minutes – December 20, 2016.**

**5. City Administrator Presentation Regarding 2016 Year in Review.**

City Administrator Hulick presented 2016 Year in Review.

**6. General Items**

Ald. Clark reviewed upcoming events.

- Announced an opportunity to participate in the Milton Pound Challenge that will assist the Food Pantry.
- Feb. 25 there will be another dining and music event at the Gathering Place called "Motown Coming to Milton"
- Requested to have staff investigate issues with our sound system.

**a. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

**7. Team Building Exercise.**

**8. Committee Reports**

Library Board

- Everything is still in place for the new library to open in February.
- Library Director Brooks became recertified.

## 9. Staff Reports

Assistant to the City Administrator Cushman

- The deadline for police officer applications is coming up on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.

Finance Director Nelson

- 35% of property taxes have already been paid.

DPW Director Robinson

- Winter work is going on.

Police Chief Marquardt

- We had a very safe holiday.

City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Hilby

- Reported that we have four official candidates for the office of Common Council Member: Nancy Lader, Larry Laehn, Jeremy Zajac, and Theresa Rusch.
- Also explained that the deadline to file papers has been extended 72 hours due to a current council member not filing papers.
- Reported that we have two official candidates for the office of Mayor: Anissa Welch and Jeremy Zajac.

**10. Closed session item: Consideration of a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(f), conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation which it is or is likely to become involved, reference complaints against and by Alderperson Lader.**

Ald. Striegl moved to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(f), conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation which it is or is likely to become involved, reference complaints against and by Alderperson Lader at approximately 8:04 p.m. Ald. Clark seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**11. Reconvene into open session for possible action on Common Council ethics complaint regarding Alderperson Lader.**

Ald. Holbrook moved to reconvene into open session at 9:06 p.m. Ald. Clark seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Holbrook moved that in the Common Council agrees to the following terms in order to resolve the pending ethics complaint by the Common Council against Alderperson Nancy Lader and the pending open records complaint by Alderperson Nancy Lader against the Mayor, the Common Council, and the City of Milton.

1. State on the record that the City has already produced all records that have been requested of the City pertaining to the preparation of the agenda for the May 2015 meeting in question.
2. The City would agree to dismiss the pending ethics charge against Alderperson Nancy Lader with prejudice.
3. Alderperson Nancy Lader would dismiss the pending Open Meetings Lawsuit against Mayor

Welch, the City of Milton, and the Milton Common Council with prejudice.

4. The City of Milton would agree to pay not more than \$368.34 in costs incurred by Alderperson Lader in connection with the pending Open Meetings Lawsuit.

5. The parties would agree to jointly invite the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council to present a seminar in Milton addressing Open Meetings Law, Closed Session Law, and Open Records Law at no cost to the City of Milton.

6. Alderperson Lader, in connection with the dismissal of the Open Meetings Lawsuit, agree to sign the Full and Final Release of All Claims against the City in reference to the Open Meetings Lawsuit and Ethics Complaint and that the documentation carrying out the above terms would be signed by Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. by the parties.

Ald. Zajac seconded, and the motion carried with Alder Clark in opposition.

**12. Motion to Adjourn**

Ald. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council at 9:12 p.m. Ald. Striegl seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elena Hilby  
City Clerk