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CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA  
COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7:00 pm

All agenda items are for discussion and action will be taken as deemed appropriate. The City Council reserves the right to go into executive session in accordance with Section 84-1410.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of this meeting room and is available for viewing by the public.

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve agenda as submitted.

**2. SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

Individuals who have appropriate items for City Council consideration should complete the **Request for Future Agenda Items** form located near the entrance of the meeting room. If the issue can be handled administratively without Council action, notification will be provided. If the item is scheduled for a committee or Council meeting, notification of the date will be given.

**3. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Mayor
- b. Council members
- c. City Clerk
- d. Department Heads

- 4. CONSENT AGENDA** The following items are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- a. Approve Minutes: September 7, 2021 and September 13, 2021
- b. Approve Claims by Auditing Committee
- c. Approve Treasurer's Report for August 2021 by Auditing Committee
- d. Appointment
- e. Authorize payment process for drawdown #6 for the 19-TFHO-16065 Owner Occupied Rehab Program in the amount of \$14,475.00.
- f. SENDD request for membership dues, Membership and Housing.

## **5. CURRENT BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion of proposed redevelopment project at 1100 1<sup>st</sup> Street and proposed Extremely Blighted designation.
- b. Consider ban on Pit Bulls to be amended to only include full Pit Bulls and not cross breeds.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

CITY OF MILFORD  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2021  
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the City Hall Building in said City on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 at 7:00 pm. Present were: Mayor Patrick Kelley; Council members: Tony DeLong, Kelli Keib, Becky Freeman, Mike Roth; Attorney Anthony Aerts; Maintenance Supt. Gary TeSelle and City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Also present: Andrew Willis with Cline Williams, Zane Francescato with SCCDP, Deb Lytle, Misty Ahmic and Police Officer Jon Weidemeyer. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in the Milford Times; a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes. Notice of the meeting was given to the mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the west wall in the City Hall meeting room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED:** A motion was made by Freeman and seconded by Keib to approve the agenda as submitted. Roll call vote: Freeman yes, Keib yes, DeLong yes, Roth yes. Motion carried.

**SUBMITTAL OF REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS:**

**REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Written reports received: Fire Dept. report for September 2021; Police Dept. Activity Report for August 2021; Milford Mailer Newsletter for October 2021; Library report from September 2021; Milford Aging Services Commission minutes from August 17, 2021 and September 21, 2021. Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management Agency minutes from June 17, 2021 and September 16, 2021. NPPD Retail Briefing information for 2021. Work Order Activity Report from Maintenance Supt. Gary TeSelle for September 2021.

**Keib – Cemetery:** repairs still needed on fence. **Pool:** Median seeding project will be completed this week. Met with Jonathan Jank and Gage from SCCDP holding discussion on services linked to health and wellness in Milford. Discussion held of a possible “Snack Shack” at the pool or vending machines to generate income for projects such as a climbing wall and footbridge in the pool. Sidewalk issue in town is something of concern knowing children need a safe way to navigate the streets to school and activities. Update on information and availability of programs to come. **SSCSWMA** met September 16, 2021. Status of Inter-Local Agreement was checked. Tipping fees were discussed, no decision was made to increase. Waiting for debit to credit ratio report and copy of the original agreement to make an informed decision. Reimbursement percentage will be re-evaluated in January. Still have 1 trailer and a few plastic bins at the dump. Bee and Milford have both picked one up. Any trailers or bins left after 10/31/21 will be recycled at the Landfills discretion. Next meeting scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Roth – Fire Dept.:** 25 total rescue calls for September, no fire calls. Water/Sewer: Continue to test water for quality report. Surveying will begin for the first 3 phases of the water

main replacement project. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets will be flagged. Residents will be notified by ad in Milford Times, Facebook and information included in water bills. A special meeting with NDEE may be scheduled to discuss the lead and copper rule.

**Mayor Kelley** continues to work with Dave Henke, JEO and Tony on the Park renovation and splash pad. Working with Gary TeSelle on TCD regarding streets and the punch list items.

**Freeman** – Sr. Center continues to add classes. The elevator needs to be replaced, made application to Aging Partners for funding. Classes are being held on the main level as the elevator is not reliable. Meals and meal counts are going well.

**DeLong – Parks** - Working with Mayor Kelley and Dave Henke from JEO on the plans for the park renovation. This will be a nice upgrade to the city. Discussing fund raising efforts to replenish community betterment fund. **Streets** – getting patching projects on the books. Pursuing speed tables along D Street to control speed. There are a lot of kids utilizing D Street. The average speed down D Street is 25 MPH which is monitored by the new speed sign. Alley projects and tree trimming are underway.

**Zane Francescato** reported on Rural Workforce Housing as they approved their first application for funding in Milford. Developer is working with the contractor. Approx. \$400,000 toward project. A second application has been received.

Mayor Kelley praised the maintenance crew on the great job they did this month. (Trees, potholes, grass) TeSelle reported they will be tarring streets soon. Asked the public to avoid the area as men are working.

**Clerk Hoggins** –\*Sales tax received for the month of July 2021 in the amount of \$20,249.16. NPPD lease payment for the month of August 2021 in the amount of \$25,022.09. Thank you from Dave Henke with JEO.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Kelley read the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes: September 7, 2021.
- b. Approval of Claims: Accounts Payable - \$241,322.71; Payroll - \$39,850.42; Totaling \$281,173.13 by the Auditing Committee.
- c. Approve Treasurer's Report for August 2021 by Auditing Committee.
- d. Appointment – Marcie DeLong to the Park Board for a 3 year term; 10/5/21 thru 10/5/24.
- e. Authorize payment process for drawdown #6 for the 19-TFHO-16065 Owner Occupied Rehab Program in the amount of \$14,475.00.
- f. SENDD request for membership dues, Membership and Housing.

A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Freeman to approve items on the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: DeLong yes, Freeman yes, Keib yes, Roth yes. Motion carried.

**SALARIES:**

71162	Mark Frey	545.64
71163	Forrest Siebken	2100.55
71164	Mavis Ferris	107.02
71165	Jeanne Hoggins	1427.94
71166	Gary TeSelle	1065.34
71167	George Matzen	849.68
71168	Craig Carritt	24.03
71169	Jon Wiedemeyer	209.71
71170	Amy Salistean	911.10
71171	Ardella Huber	967.17
71172	James Palensky	1413.94

71173	Owen Eickhoff	124.90
71174	Lisa Huschka	1265.81
71175	Charles Wergin	226.26
71176	Hannah Fougeron	118.13
71177	Dustin Hultgrien	970.92
71178	Joseph Kallhoff	1138.25
71179	Madaux DeLong	45.71
71180	Steven Fiala	1043.58
71264	Mark Frey	625.37
71265	Forrest Siebken	1608.08
71266	Mavis Ferris	135.41
71267	Jeanne Hoggins	1427.94
71268	Gary TeSelle	1065.34
71269	George Matzen	849.68
71270	Craig Carritt	24.03
71271	Jon Wiedemeyer	249.27
71272	Amy Salistean	973.49
71273	Ardella Huber	971.58
71274	James Palensky	1563.78
71275	Owen Eickhoff	217.51
71276	Lisa Huschka	1356.53
71277	Charles Wergin	163.92
71278	Hannah Fougeron	99.73
71279	Dustin Hultgrien	1039.62
71280	Joseph Kallhoff	1189.50
71281	Madaux DeLong	16.62
71282	Steve Fiala	1127.67
71285	Patrick Kelley	184.70
71286	Waylon DeLong	138.52
71287	Becky Freeman	138.52
71288	Kelli Keib	138.52
71289	Mike Roth	138.52

**GENERAL FUND:**

71181	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION	PENSION	1,596.36
71182	UNION BANK	HSA	675.00
71183	AFLAC	AUG. SUPPL. INSURANCE (3PAYPER	570.42
71184	AKERS EQUIPMENT	J.D.GATOR/WITH ATTACHMENTS	21,745.00
71185	ALOHA ROTH	AUG. BIRTHDAY SHEET CAKE	25.00
71186	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.	OCTOBER DENTAL INSURANCE	583.36
71187	ARAMARK (AUCA CHICAGO LOCKBOX)	PANTS/TOWELS,MATS	595.78
71188	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	ACCT. 9391 - CITY HALL GAS	316.35
71189	BLACKBURN MFG.CO	YELLOW FIELD PAINT/SOCCER FIEL	374.13
71190	CARD SERVICE CENTER	TRAINING AMMUNITION	608.40
71191	COLLABORATIVE LIBRARY PRG	SUMMER READING PRIZES	132.01
71192	COMPANY CARE	NON-DOT RENEWAL	159.00
71193	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	LISA HUSCHKA. ACADEMY MEALS	113.48
71194	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	SR. CTR. SOFTNER/COOLER RENT	56.50
71195	DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANC	MAY SRS FEE	186.00

71196	DIGITAL ALLY, INC	STANDARD BATTERY COVERS	380.00
71197	DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	COFFEE/DONUTS	14.10
71198	DRAGONFLY	107 MEALS/JULY/AUG.	588.50
71199	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS,INC	ATTACK PACK/GLOVES/MASKS	337.41
71200	ERIC RILEY ELECTRIC	HAND DRYER/LABOR/R.R. WELCH PK	448.50
71201	FARMERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL/WEED KILLER	1,619.65
71203	GREEN THUMB LAWN SERVICE	UPTOWN PARK - 4 TIMES	2,505.00
71204	HARTMANN CUSTOM SERVICE CO.	18.13 TONS CRUSH CONCRETE	324.16
71205	HAWKINS INC.	WATER CHEMICALS	1,810.20
71206	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	2 HRS. LABOR/SERV.CALL/PARTS	679.34
71207	JANET JEFFRIES	AUG.30 SR. CTR. ENTERTAINMENT	75.00
71208	JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	PUMP STATION DESIGN	4,913.75
71209	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	5 SAW CHAINS/SWITCH	150.12
71210	KAIT MATTHES	ORG.FALL SOCCER-13,5 HR/10.00	135.00
71211	KELLY HANEY	2 YOGA CLASSES/8-25 & 9-1	60.00
71212	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	BRUSHES/BROOMS	859.51
71213	MARISSA PARMAN	ORG.FALL SOCCER-'GREAT JOB!'	135.00
71214	MATHESON TRI-GAS,INC	OXYGEN,NITROGEN,HAZ.	219.79
71215	MATT FRIEND TRUCK EQUIP.	6HRS.LABOR-MOVE LIGHTS/TRUCK	493.51
71216	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	CLAMPS/HOSE/FUSE/BRAKE CYLINDE	564.84
71217	MOTION PICTURE LICENSING	OCT.21 TO OCT. 22 LICENSING	350.73
71218	NEBRASKA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	ANNUAL FEE.ANIMAL SHELTER	175.00
71219	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	7-24 TO 8-24 ELECTRICITY	5,111.93
71220	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	NORTH WELL	740.57
71221	NSA/POAN	NSA/POAN CONF. OCT. KEARNEY	100.00
71222	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	31 LOCATES MINUS DISCOUNT	27.29
71223	PIZZA KITCHEN	30 BIRTHDAY MEALS/8/30/21	152.50
71224	REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	REPLACE THROTTLE FORD TAURUS	297.18
71225	REMBOLT LUDTKE LLP	AUG. LEGAL SERVICES	2,736.00
71226	RUNZA INC	TIF PAYMENT	1,655.13
71227	SACK LUMBER - SEWARD	SILICONE DOOR REPAIR	15.18
71228	SERVI-TECH INC.	WATER TESTING	55.45
71229	SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT	BUDGET SUMMARY PUBLIC HEARING	349.16
71230	STUTZMAN DIGGING	CK.VALVE ASSEMBLY/LABOR	325.00
71231	TCA OUTDOOR POWER	REBUILT STARTER/FUEL FILTER	424.35
71232	THE SPRINKLER GUY	SPRINKLERS/D ST./GOLF COURSE	3,582.60
71233	UNION BANK	5 EMPLOYEES HSA FEE	10.00
71234	UNIVERSAL PREMIUM	AUG. FUEL	428.41
71235	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES, IN	AUG. 16 RECYCLING/DISPOSAL	585.30
71236	VERIZON WIRELESS	9-2 TO 10-1 FIRE HALL INTERNET	93.90
71237	VERIZON WIRELESS-P	POLICE PHONE	50.12
71238	WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE	6 PHONE RENTALS	233.15
71239	XPEDITOR TECHNOLOGY	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	575.00
71242	ALLY TIMMERMAN	REIMB. REG. & UNIFORM	65.00
71243	AMY SALISTEAN	WOODEN DOWEL PINS	10.32

71244	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	OCT. HEALTH INS.	9,673.84
71245	BEATRICE READY MIX	3.75 CU.YD. CONCRETE	534.38
71246	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES	6-1 TO 8-31 COPIER RENT/USEAGE	239.58
71247	CARD SERVICES (VISA)	BUCK TARGET & SUPPLIES	291.95
71248	CHANTEL DAVENPORT	REFUND SHIRT/VISOR	28.00
71249	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	9-9-21 THRU 9-15-21 HRUSKA MEA	79.88
71250	DEARBORN GROUP	39 FIREMEN COV. IN OCT. 2021	134.16
71251	KELLY HANEY	SEPT 8 & 15 YOGA FOR SR. CTR.	60.00
71252	MARISSA PARMAN	TEMPO(BAYER) INSECTCIDE/SPRAYE	95.38
71253	MEYER LABORATORY, INC.	WASP SPRAY	105.67
71254	MICHAELA SPURLING	REIMB. SWIM LESSONS NOT NEEDED	30.00
71255	MIDWEST UNLIMITED	RATCHET STRAPS (2)	29.90
71256	NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV. LAB	WATER TEST CHEMICALS	500.00
71257	SHARON BENDER	SR,CTR,HUSKER PARTY SUPPLIES	30.50
71258	TALICIA SCHWEITZER	REIMB. REG./UNIFORM	65.00
71259	GARY TESELLE	GARY TESELLS ACCT.	476.70
71260	VERIZON WIRELESS	SEPT. WELL CONTROLS	85.15
71283	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION	PENSION	1,596.36
71284	UNION BANK	HSA	675.00
71290	ALOHA ROTH	2 SHEET CAKES-SEPT. BIRTHDAYS	40.00
71291	AMY SALISTEAN	REIMB. DISH SOAP/SR. CTR.	5.06
71292	CALIBRE PRESS	J.PALENSKY-ONLINE SEMINAR	129.00
71293	CAPITAL ONE (WALMART)	SR. CTR. GROCERIES FOR MEALS	93.96
71294	CARD SERVICE CENTER	COLD PATCH,I-PH.CASE/COVER	1,677.22
71295	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO	L.HUSCHKA MEALS 9-16 TO 9-22	71.14
71296	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	TONER CARTRIDGE SR. CTR.	214.09
71297	EMC	WKRS.COMP,PROPERTY, AUTO INS.	101,916.00
71298	FARMERS COOPERATIVE	GLYPHOSATE 5 GALLONS	54.69
71299	GWOKS	ANNUAL SUB. PHYSICAL ASSET	4,200.00
71300	HBE LLP	21/22 BUDGE PREP.	8,410.00
71301	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	LIBRARY BOOKS	557.40
71302	INSPRO MARSH & MCLENNAN AGENCY	FIRE DEPT. COMMERCIAL INS.	18,049.00
71303	JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	BOOK SUBS.	834.70
71304	LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES	LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP 9/21 TO 8/22	4,470.00
71305	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	F150 OIL CHANGE/FILTER CHANGE	63.25
71306	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY,INC. OF OMAHA	(6)METERS	1,496.79
71307	NATIONWIDE	10-13-21 TO 10-12-22 SURETY	100.00
71308	NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOC	21/22 HOGGINS MEMBERSHIP DUES	35.00
71309	NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	WELL ACCT.	2,100.83
71310	NMC, INC	LABOR FOR STEERING CYLINDER	2,886.98
71311	PETTY CASH	CLEANING SUPPLIES-PLUG IN OILS	83.98
71312	REBEKAH FREY	SEPT. CLEANING CITY OFF.2 TIME	100.00
71313	SEWARD COUNTY CHAMBER AND	21/22 MEMBERSHIP FUND. AGREE	11,845.00
71314	SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT	9-2 & 9-22 PROCEEDINGS	220.22
71315	TODD ROTH	SEPT. BLDG. INSPECTOR FEES	931.85

71316	TRIMARK	DISHWASHER DETERGENT	139.26
71317	TVRDY'S LOCK & KEY	1 HR. LABOR REPAIR SR.CTR.	50.00
71318	WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC	SR. CENTER ACCT.	410.45
2085315	IRS-FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	4,355.85
2085316	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	653.19
2085317	IRS-FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	4,086.14
2085318	NE DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAX	633.27
2085319	IRS-FEDERAL WITHHOLDINGS	FED/FICA TAX	122.44
100	JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	PARK RENOVATION SERVICES	2,868.75
		AUGUST DEPOSIT REFUNDS	85.46
	K. MORTON	U.B. BALANCE REFUND	1.16
	U.S. POSTMASTER	SEPT. U.B. POSTAGE	250.58
	Total PR Paid On: 9/13/21		14,555.68
	Total PR Paid On: 9/27/21		14,705.07
	Total PR Paid On: 10/01/21		738.78
	***** REPORT TOTAL *****		281,173.13

### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of proposed redevelopment project at 1100 1<sup>st</sup> Street and proposed Extremely Blighted designation:** Andrew Willis with Cline Williams educated the council on the new legislation regarding the “Extreme” Blight and Substandard designation. The TIF project in the original Blight & Substandard area allows for 15-years. In March of 2021 legislation passed if an area is designated “Extremely” Blight & Substandard the financing can be extended to 20 years. There are 2 qualifications to be met before an area can be designated as extremely blighted. The average rate of unemployment in the area must be 200% of the State average and the average poverty rate in the area has to exceed 20%. Looking at the census track for Milford, 1.3% unemployment vs the States 3.3%, (not nearly over 200%) poverty rate is 4.7%, not nearly 20%. The difference of cost in the proposed project is around \$30,000.00. Andrew asked if this is something the city is interested in. He’s not sure if we will even qualify.

Mayor Kelley noted, based on the numbers presented we’re not even close anyways. Not sure why we would want to keep that conversation going as a possibility. Probably not worth looking into. Mr. Willis noted he will tell the developer that the city will stick with the typical Blight & Substandard area as it exists, 15 years. Mayor Kelley suggested he add that looking at the numbers the city did not feel like it was worth moving forward based off the numbers. The Council thanked Andrew for attending.

**Consider ban on Pit Bulls to be amended to only include full Pit Bulls and not cross breeds.** Mayor Kelley shared that Debbie Lytle had submitted a request form to place this on the Council agenda. Her request states: I would like the ban on pit bulls to be amended to only include full pit bulls and not cross breeds.

Mayor Kelley announced he will give everyone the opportunity to speak and present information allowing each person 3 minutes of floor time.

Debbie Lytle, 420 4<sup>th</sup> St., 8 years, Church Parsonage: Identify pit bull breed worksheet by photo. (Attached) Animal may be misidentified. Temperament test done on dogs, Pit bulls second to Labrador Retriever as being least aggressive. (Attached) Debbie did research thru the National K-9 Research Council. She does not own a dog but has family members that own pit bulls and she loves them. She is sad that they are judged by the way they look. Factors in dog bite related injuries: Dogs that are kept as a resident dog opposed to dogs being kept in a kennel, chained up or live in kennels for breeding are more aggressive than



dogs living in the household which are socialized with families. Dogs that have not been spayed or neutered cannot control urges, true with all breeds. Owners that neglect or abuse their dogs.

Debbie stated that her original request was to amend the ordinance only to include full bred pit bulls. After her research of what other communities do, there is a Breed Ambassador Requirement in which the dog would need to pass a K-9 good citizenship test. This test can be done at the National Humane Society or the American Kennel Club. Petco in Lincoln will test the dog in a number of different situations. If the dog does not pass the test, they will conduct training in order to be certified as a K-9 good citizen. Proof of sterilization and rabies vaccination prior to licensing. Make it a requirement that the owner submit their dog to this test proving the dog is not aggressive.

The main thing is that we are all on the same page. We want our community to be safe, work together for that goal. A lot of it is the pet owner not the pet and it is terrible to punish an animal or good pet owner.

Brandon Morin, 515 Fairway Dr. #10, Rent, 2.5 years: Debbie is absolutely right, we want our community to be as safe as possible. With that in mind, he doesn't believe that the reduction of breed specific legislation is going to be conducive to that point. There is a lot of statistical evidence and studies that have been done showing breed specific legislation is not as effective as legislation that is more specific to how owners handle their dog and how the dog is handled after is may have been considered a dangerous animal. Brandon presented a comprehensive list of all the legislation specific to ownership. Documentation titled "The Fiscal Impact and Breeds Discriminatory Legislation" was provided to the board. A copy of an email sent from Senior Legislative Attorney for Best Friends Animal Ethnicity Group was also provided to the mayor. Brandon pointed out the contact information if the council had any questions regarding writing laws. Brandon wanted to bring to the councils attention the potential for violation of due process. Fines assessed other than a written citation where you can go to court and present information. Last point, the responsibility to prove that the dog is without a reasonable doubt an American pit bull terrier would be on the municipality. This has been held up in court City of Pierre vs Lockland.

Jill Severino, 209 S. Hwy 6 #3, Rent, 2.5 years: Provided bite record information, the PSI force in which different breeds bite. Doberman Pincher – PSI 600, English Mastiff 556, Rottweiler 328, Pit Bull 235. Pit bulls do not have nearly as much jaw power as some of the breeds that are welcome in this town. Not as likely to get bit by a Pit Bull as you are a dog with a higher PSI. The problem with going breed specific is you can't exactly prove what breed it is. There is no national database for dog bites, the CDC stopped collecting data back in 1998 due to identifying breeds. Dog breeds are misidentified 50 to 87% of the time. It would be a good idea to branch out and hold the owners accountable, not the dogs. Jill asked the council to read the 14 page document regarding owner responsibility.

Leah Policky, 302 N. F St., Own, 30 years: Presented 2020 fatality statistics and 72% were caused by pit bulls. It speaks for itself. Young children and people of all ages walk the streets in Milford – "Is it worth the risk?" Fatalities are extremely dangerous when a Pit bulls clamps down and they don't let go.

Robert Engel, 305 1<sup>st</sup> St., Own, 21 years: Trains German Shepherds 32 years. He walks thru town with his dog on a leash and his dog gets attacked by small dogs. Small dogs are uncontrolled. He did have an incident in 2004 where one of his dogs grabbed Rod Hoppe's grand-daughter. He has never been attacked by a pit bull. It's not the breed, it's the person.

Gary TeSelle, 909 4<sup>th</sup> St., Own, 57 years: Gary watched his cocker spaniel get drug off his front porch by a pit bull. If Gary would not have taken immediate measures, it would've

killed his cocker spaniel. The owner, which was walking the dog with a large chain, was not strong enough to hold onto the pit bull. He agrees the owners should be held responsible.

Debbie Lytle – wanted to close by asking the council to amend the ordinance, adding an exemption of the Good Citizenship Training allowing dogs of all breeds to be permitted in the community.

Keib has been on both sides. Her daughter was attacked by a dog. She has been around dogs all her life. She is not crazy about the breed specific ordinance. The owner should be held responsible and expected to follow specific guidelines.

Roth noted the small sector of individuals that showed up to the meeting. He would like to talk to more community members.

Freeman would like to read thru the information presented, giving it a fair chance from what was said. Most of the group present represents people that want pit bulls, very few people are here to speak on the other side. It's fair to give both sides an opportunity to say something.

DeLong is a numbers guy, he noted there are a lot of bad stats. He would like to talk to more people in the community. He liked the comment about holding the owner responsible. Tony would like to table this, talk to more of the community, look into the information/statistics to make an educated decision.

A motion was made by DeLong and seconded by Roth to table the request to alter the ordinance. Roll call vote: DeLong yes, Roth yes, Freeman yes, Keib yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Freeman and seconded by DeLong to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Freeman yes, DeLong yes, Keib yes, Roth yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

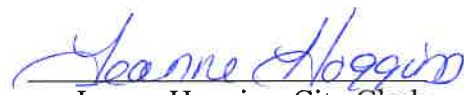
  
Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

  
Patrick L. Kelley, Mayor

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Milford, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on October 5, 2021 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.



  
Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk