

CITY OF MILTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET
MILTON, WV 25541

AUGUST 16, 2022

7:00 P.M.

NOTE: The August 2, 2022 City Council Meeting was postponed until August 16, 2022 due to multiple Covid illnesses at City Hall.

Mayor Canterbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Council Member Adkins and the pledge of allegiance was said in unison. Those present were, Mayor Canterbury, Recorder Dana Walters, Council Members Bob Legg, Tennis Adkins, Carl Harshbarger, Dakota Miller and Troy Nicely.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the agenda. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the minutes from the July 5 Regular Meeting and the July 27 Special Meeting. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters presented the City bills for June 2022 totaling \$256,062.57 for the General Fund. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for June 2022. General Fund Total: \$1,076,600.83; Cemetery Total: \$81,325.65; Coal Severance Total: \$6,117.35; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$560,967.58. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for June 2022. He advised that Officer Joey Harless submitted his resignation as he has been accepted into the West Virginia State Police. Part-time Officer Phil Armentrout also tendered his resignation. Chief Parsons indicated that one of the old police cruisers was purchased by the Town of Mason, and Lincoln County is interested in the 2015 Explorer. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the report. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury introduced a Resolution to increase the rate of pay for full-time, non-salaried police officers by \$2.00 per hour. Chief Parsons stated that we previously had ten full time officers and two part-time officers. With the most recent resignations, the Milton Police Department is down to one part-time and seven full-time Officers. Since advertising to fill one of the positions several weeks ago, there have been no qualified applicants for the position. Chief Parsons requested a \$2.00 per hour pay increase for full-time salaried Officers in an effort to attract and maintain a quality Police Force. He suggested that Council consider filling two of the three full-time vacancies, and using the money saved by not hiring a third full-time Officer to increase the Officers' rate of pay. Recorder Walters read a Resolution increasing the rate of pay

for full-time, non-salaried Milton Police Officers by \$2.00 per hour. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read Draw Resolution #4 for the Payment of Invoices for the Sewer Project. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amending, Modifying and Re-enacting Article 1711 “West Virginia State Building Code” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Miller moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read a Resolution of Council requesting reimbursement of Land and Water Conservation Fund grant writing fees paid to Laura Cox Planning & Design. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read a Resolution of Council to sell two old police cruisers. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Canterbury

Recorder Dana Walters