

CITY OF MILTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET  
MILTON, WV 25541

JULY 2, 2024

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Minutes from the June 4 Council Meeting were presented. Council Member Miller moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

The City bills were presented for May 2024 totaling \$383,311.61 for the General Fund. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for May 2024. General Fund Total: \$1,334,110.64; Coal Severance Total: \$12,202.42; Cemetery Total: \$81,761.10; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,078,456.62; Building Commission Total: \$4,782.89. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for April 2024. He provided an update on the charges brought against two Milton residents for the death of a three-month old infant. Chief Parsons stated that, although the charges were dismissed, they will be presented to the Grand Jury in September. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

John Hathaway, Eddie Estep and Ed Huff appeared on behalf of the Milton Housing Authority to provide an update, including a quarterly financial report. Mr. Hathaway stated they were getting bids to completely remodel one of the special needs apartments at Milton Manor, which was significantly damaged by the last resident.

Jonathan Black and several other members of the Milton Volunteer Fire Department attended and presented an update to council. Mr. Black stated that the MVFD will be transparent and more involved in the City. He advised that they would be getting a new black over red fire engine (Engine 406) in April or May 2025. He also stated that the Chaney Foundation and CSX had awarded the MVFD \$20,000 to go toward the purchase of a new Can-Am Defender side by side. In addition, they recently were awarded a donation from Hope Gas to purchase the trailer to haul the side by side. The MVFD has zero dollars invested in the side by side and trailer; all funds came from grants and donations. Mr. Black also advised that Lowe's Home Improvement granted the MVFD \$142,000 to renovate the Community Room, bathrooms and parking lot.

Black further advised that they will begin a recruitment campaign soon. There are currently 34 senior members, which include honorary lifetime members.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the appointment/reappointment of John Hathaway, Cecil Taylor, Ed Huff, Tonya Miller and Louanne Huff to the Milton Housing Authority. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the recommendation. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the reappointment of Bill Sanders and Donna Clagg to the Milton Building Commission. Council Member Miller moved to approve the recommendation. Second by Recorder Walters. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury advised that we need one more City resident to fill a vacancy in the Building Commission and asked Council for recommendations.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the reappointment of Dakota Miller, Matt Meadows, Timmy Chastain and Scott Foster to the Milton Municipal Utilities Board. Recorder Walters moved to approve the recommendation. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the reappointment of Timmy Chastain, Scott Wheeler and Shane Evans to the Milton Building Code Appeals Board. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the recommendation. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the appointment/reappointment of Steve Bragg as City Attorney, Lauren Plymale as Municipal Judge and David Moyer as Municipal Prosecuting Attorney. Recorder Walters moved to approve the recommendation. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the rehiring of all other employees. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the recommendation. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented authorizing the transfer of \$32,993.57 from the Police Savings account to the General Fund account to reimburse for expenses incurred. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

The Milton Municipal Utilities Commission's Water, Sewer and Stormwater Budgets were presented to Council. Recorder Walters moved to approve the Utilities' Budgets. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

A proposal for a new server for the ASI software program was presented to Council. Council Member Miller moved to approve the proposal. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented requiring property owners whose structures are demolished with grant funds to properly keep and maintain the property on which the razed structure sits, or an

encumbrance will be placed on the property. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the first reading of an Ordinance enacting Article 1739 “Treatment and/or Rehabilitation Houses or Service Centers” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 8:17pm. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

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Mayor Tom Canterbury

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Recorder Dana Walters