

City of Milton Council Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

1139 Smith Street, Milton, WV 25541

Attendees

- **Mayor:** Shane Evans
 - **Recorder:** Phyllis Smith
 - **Council Members:** Scott Foster, Carl Harshbarger, Chase Bryant, Scott Bias, Troy Nicely
 - **Others:** Chief O'Dell
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1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Milton City Council was called to order by Mayor Shane Evans at 7:00 P.M. on June 3, 2025, at City Hall, 1139 Smith Street, Milton, WV 25541.

2. Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Councilman Nicely.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Evans.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Shane Evans presented the agenda for approval. Councilman Harshbarger moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second: Councilman Foster and the vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of Minutes

No Minutes provided.

6. City Bills

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented the city's financial obligations for approval Councilman Bias moved to approve the payment of city bills as presented. Second by Councilman Nicely and the vote was unanimous.

7. Permits

Recorder Phyllis Smith reported the following permits approved by the Building Inspector/Code Official:

- **Permit 017:** Fahey Roofing, new roof at 406 Mahoganywood Drive.
- **Permit 018:** Fahey Roofing, roof replacement at 226 Woody Oak Drive.
- **Permit 019:** Nate Myers, deck construction at 1536 Smith Street.
- **Permit 020:** Clayton Homes, new modular home at 1403 Summers Avenue.
- **Permit 021:** Design Roofing, LLC, roof replacement at 4 Hallison Circle.
- **Permit 022:** Best Virginia Heating & Cooling, LLC, new hot water tank installation at 1200 Glenwood Street.
- **Permit 024:** Window World of Kanawha, window replacement at 403 Florida Street.
- **Permit 025:** Fahey Roofing, roof replacement at 1265 Pike Street

Recorder Smith moved to approve the permits as presented. Second by Councilman Foster and the vote was unanimous.

8. City Financial Report for April 2025

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented the City Financial Report for April 2025, detailing revenues and expenditures. Councilman Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Second: Councilman Foster and the vote was unanimous.

9. Police Report for April 2025

Chief O'Dell presented the Police Report for April 2025, summarizing departmental activities, incidents, and staffing updates. Recorder Smith moved to approve the Police Report as presented. Second by Councilman Bryant and the vote was unanimous.

10. Reports from Boards and Committees

- **Milton Housing Authority:** Mr. Ed Huff informed council that inspectors were coming to Milton Manor and then the following week to Sunrise Apartment.
- **Milton Volunteer Fire Department:** Mr. Dale Martin, provided council with Call volume updates for year to date 222 calls and 50 for the month of May 2025. Recorder Smith moved to approve the reports as presented. Second by Councilman Bias and the vote was unanimous.

11. Resolutions and Approvals

11.1 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds from Police Department's Home Rule Account to General Fund

Mayor Shane Evans presented a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the Police Department's Home Rule Account to the City's General Fund for reimbursement of expenses. Councilman Harshbarger moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Second by Recorder Smith, and the vote was unanimous.

11.2 Final Budget Revision of Fund 1 (General Fund)

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented the resolution for the final budget revision of the General Fund. Recorder Smith moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Second by Councilman Nicely and the vote was unanimous.

11.3 Final Budget Revision of Fund 2 (Coal Severance Fund)

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented the resolution for the final budget revision of the Coal Severance Fund. Councilman Harshbarger moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Second by Councilman Bryant and the vote was unanimous.

12. Ordinance

12.1 Second Reading of Ordinance Amending Article 335.01: Maximum Speed Limits

Mayor Shane Evans presented the ordinance amending, modifying, and re-enacting Article 335.01 regarding maximum speed limits for its second reading. Councilmember Harshbarger moved to approve the ordinance on its second reading. Second by Councilman Foster and the vote was unanimous

13. Consideration and Votes

13.1 Use of \$15,000 Pfizer Lipitor Settlement Funds

Councilmember Carl Harshbarger proposed using the \$15,000 Pfizer Lipitor settlement funds to hire a police officer and fund their training at the Police Academy.

Motion: Councilmember Harshbarger moved to approve the proposed use of the settlement funds.

Second: Councilmember Bryant.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

13.2 Renewal of Lease to Southwestern Community Council, Inc.

Mayor Shane Evans presented a proposal to renew the lease to Southwestern Community Council, Inc. The council discussed to keep the current lease amount and lease terms.

Councilman Harshbarger moved to approve the lease renewal as presented. Second by Councilman Bias and the vote was unanimous..

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

14. Emergency Item: Hope Gas Rate Increase

Councilmember Bias addressed the hardship of these rate increases to the Milton community. He recommended that the city send a letter to the PSC, objecting the new proposed rate increase. Councilman Bias moved to approve the release of a letter from city regarding the new rate increase. Second by Councilman Bryant and the vote was unanimous.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

15. Announcements

Mayor Shane Evans announced the following community events and city hall closures:

- **Every Tuesday:** BINGO at Milton Senior Center, 12:30 P.M.
- **Every Sunday:** BINGO at American Legion, 6:00 P.M.
- **June 15:** Father's Day.
- **June 19:** Juneteenth, City Hall closed.
- **June 20:** West Virginia Day, City Hall closed. Fireworks @Pumpkin Park.
- **July 4:** Independence Day, City Hall closed.
- **July 5:** City of Milton's Independence Day Celebration at The Misty Rose Recreation Center Athletic Field (former Milton Elementary School), 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

15. Comments from Council

Council comments: NA

16. Comments from the Public

Delegate Daniel Linville gave council updates from the legislative session. He commented on the Hope Gas increase and said he will be addressing with PSC. The DOH has committed to a signal light for the Newman's Branch /Rt. 60 school entrance, before the next school year.

Ed Huff said that a street sign is down on Rear Florida Street. Mr. Huff said that the gas lines were repaired, and the sign was never put back in place.

VP of the Senior Center – Thanked the city for our donations.

Troy Dunn – Milton Business Development Committee informed the community that it was now available on Facebook.

17. Adjournment

Motion: Councilman Harshbarger moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Councilman Bias.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Date October 7, 2025

Mayor Shane Evans Shane Evans

Recorder Phyllis Smith Phyllis Smith