

CITY OF MILTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET
MILTON, WV 25541

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Canterbury presented the Minutes from the August 6 Council Meeting. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

The City bills were presented for July 2024 totaling \$120,762.28 for the General Fund. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury Walters read the City Financial Report for July 2024. General Fund Total: \$1,434,891.74; Coal Severance Total: \$7,478.41; Cemetery Total: \$84,691.86; Opioid Settlement Fund Total: \$96,124.53; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,079,148.69; Building Commission Total: \$4,784.89. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented the City's Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024 for publication. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report for publication. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for June 2024. He asked for prayers for Milton's Police Clerk, Ronnie White, who is battling cancer. Chief Parsons stated that this would be his last Police Report, as he is retiring effective 12:01 a.m. October 1, 2024. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Chief Joe Parsons letter of resignation/retirement was presented to Council. Council Member Harshbarger moved to accept the letter of resignation/retirement. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

There were no reports from the Milton Housing Authority or the Milton Volunteer Fire Department.

A Resolution was presented authorizing the transfer of \$9,361.65 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 Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented a Resolution of Council to Adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update prepared by the Region II Planning & Development Council. A roll-call vote was taken with Council Members Adkins, Harshbarger, Miller, Nicely and Conard voting to approve the Resolution. Motion carried.

Resident Karey Fugate addressed Council about stormwater problems arising from clay pipes used for drainage from Third Street and Woodline Subdivision. She said she has talked for years with Mayor Canterbury, Charlie Conard and Dakota Miller about her problem, but it has not been fixed. She stated that the stormwater is now damaging her home and asked the City to address the situation. Mayor Canterbury directed Public Works Director Conard to look into the matter and get back to him about it.

Resident Mark Sumpter stated that he is relatively new to the area. He said Milton is a wonderful town and he is glad to be here. He has some concerns about the water, including “misses” on sampling procedures and discolored water. He believes we should look at private entities to supply the water if we do not have the money for infrastructure improvements.

Mayor Canterbury stated that West Virginia American Water had made an offer to purchase the Utilities, but the offer was not even enough to pay the bonds and refund the grant monies. The City held a public meeting, at which only a handful stated they wanted to sell to WVAW. After the meeting Council voted to not accept WVAW’s offer. He said the City will not sell to WVAW while he is Mayor.

Resident Ed Huff stated that he also had a problem with a drain next to his property. He contacted Charlie Conard on a Tuesday, and by the next afternoon it was cleaned out. He appreciated what was done to fix the problem.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Canterbury

Recorder Dana Walters