

City of Milton, West Virginia

Special Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

Location: Milton City Hall, 1139 Smith Street, Milton, WV 25541

Meeting Type: Special Meeting

Attendees

- **Mayor:** Shane Evans (Presiding Officer)
- **Recorder:** Phyllis Smith
- **Council Members:**
 - Scott Foster
 - Carl Harshbarger
 - Chase Bryant
 - Scott Bias
 - Troy Nicely *Resigned, not present

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the City of Milton City Council was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Mayor Shane Evans at Milton City Hall, 1139 Smith Street, Milton, WV 25541.

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting was convened to discuss and vote on a proposal regarding the Recorder's job description and duties. Smith stated doing minutes was not her job.

Proceedings

Discussion and Vote on Recorder's Job Description and Duties

- Mayor Evans introduced the proposal to remove the Recorder from having voting privileges.
- S. Bias brought into the conversation that other cities do not allow the Recorder to Vote.
- C. Bryant added that the Recorder is an elected official and the people voted for her in the capacity of all previous Recorders and should legally vote.
- Mayor Evans stated that it didn't matter that previous Recorders voted and the peoples vote did not matter what matter is the law. S. Foster did not agree and stated the removal of the vote should not happen.

- A motion to approve to remove voting rights on council for the Recorder was made by Council Member Scott Bias, seconded by Council Member Carl Harshbarger. Evans, Bias and Harshbarger voted to remove the voting rights. Bryant and Foster voted to keep the Recorders voting rights. Recorder Smith was not allowed to vote per Mayor S. Evans.

Public Comments

- Several members of the audience spoke in support of Recorder Smith.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M. following a motion by Council Member Chase Bryant, seconded by Council Member Scott Foster, and approved unanimously.

Approval

These minutes were prepared by Recorder Phyllis Smith and are subject to approval at the next regular meeting of the City of Milton.

Date October 7, 2025

Mayor Shane Evans Shane Evans

Recorder Phyllis Smith Phyllis Smith

Subject: Resignation Letter

July 16th 2025

Dear Mayor Evans,

I am writing to formally resign from my position as Councilman for the City of Milton, WV., effective July 31st 2025

Due to a recent medical diagnosis my father received on July 11th and my increasing responsibilities as the primary caregiver for my elderly parents, I am unable to continue fulfilling my role as Councilman at this time. This decision has not been easy, but I must prioritize my time to be available for my parents.

I am deeply grateful to the citizens of Milton for their support and opportunity to serve in our great community.

Thank you again for your understanding.

Troy Nicely

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