

CITY OF MILTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET
MILTON, WV 25541

JUNE 6, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Tom Canterbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Canterbury, Council Members Legg, Adkins, Harshbarger and Miller. Recorder Walters attended the second half of the meeting. Council Member Nicely 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 Legg. Motion carried.

Council Member Harshbarger read the minutes from the May 2, 2023 meeting. Council Member Miller moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

The City bills were presented for April 2023 totaling \$122,358.79 for the General Fund. Council Member Legg moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Council Member Harshbarger read the City Financial Report for April 2023. General Fund Total: \$1,648,124.19; Cemetery Total: \$79,780.15; Coal Severance Total: \$13,707.95; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,124,486.00. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for April 2023. Chief Parsons advised that Officer Cole Poore has submitted his resignation and is moving to Florida. He also stated that he intends to sell the K9 vehicle currently being used by Sargent Scarberry as it has had persistent mechanical issues. Chief Parsons said that two Milton Police Officers would attend the funeral of WV State Trooper Cory Maynard. Council Member Legg moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented to authorize the purchase of a 2015 Ford Expedition from the Cabell County Commission for \$10,000. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented to authorize the transfer of \$13,588.74 from the Police Savings account to the General Fund account to reimburse for expenses incurred. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the first reading of an Ordinance Repealing and Re-Enacting as Amended Article 349.21 "Prohibited Use of an Electronic Communications Device; Driving Without Handheld Features; Definitions; Exceptions; Penalties," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton, and Renaming Article 349.21 as "Electronically Distracted Driving." Council Member Legg moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 1711.01 “State Building Code: Adoption,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Miller moved to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 1711.03 “State Building Code: Amendments,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read a Resolution authorizing the City’s participation in the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read a Resolution of Council for the final budget revision of Fund 1 (General.) Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Miller. A roll call vote was taken with Recorder Walters and Council Members Legg, Adkins, Harshbarger and Miller voting in favor of the Resolution. Council Member Nicely was absent. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read a Resolution of Council for the final budget revision of Fund 2 (Coal Severance.) Council Member Adkins moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. A roll call vote was taken with Recorder Walters and Council Members Legg, Adkins, Harshbarger and Miller voting in favor of the Resolution. Council Member Nicely was absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented a proposed Lease to Southwestern Community Action Council, Inc. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Lease at the same rate as last year. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented a Renewal of Contract with the Western Counties Regional Library for Financial Support. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Renewal of Contract. Second by Recorder Walters. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury advised that the Milton Municipal Utility Board recommended a tiered water rate increase. Council Member Adkins moved to initiate the process to request a water rate increase. Second by Council Member Legg. A roll call vote was taken with Recorder Walters and Council Members Legg, Adkins, Harshbarger and Miller voting in favor of beginning the process to request a water rate increase. Council Member Nicely was absent. Motion carried.

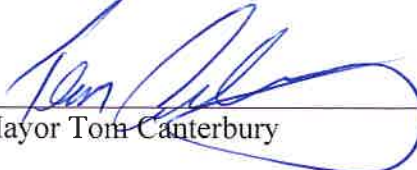
Mayor Canterbury advised that an MMUC employee, Timmy Shull, was very ill. Council Member Adkins offered a prayer for his recovery.

Mayor Canterbury advised that a Special Meeting would be called soon to discuss the proposal to change a portion of Pike Street to one-way traffic.

L. Childers offered information about a “Don’t Tread on Us” Festival, and asked Council to attend the event for 30 minutes each to answer constituents’ questions.

L. Shultz registered a formal complaint against the Police Department. Mayor Canterbury advised he would take the issue under advisement and would talk to Chief Parsons.

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



Mayor Tom Canterbury



Recorder Dana Walters