

CITY OF MILTON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 6, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Canterbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Council Member Adkins and the pledge of allegiance was said in unison. All were present.

Special guest West Virginia State Treasurer Riley Moore and his Regional Representative David Tyson spoke regarding access to Unclaimed Property records, the WV State Treasurer's e-Government Services Program, and a new savings program for individuals pursuing vocational or trade fields to help cover business start-up costs, equipment, tools, licenses and certifications upon graduation.

Special guest Beau Evans from the Governor's Highway Safety Program presented Patrolman First Class Tom Withers with an "Outstanding Speed Enforcement" award for his diligent enforcement of speed violations on I-64. He also presented an award to the Milton Police Department for "Outstanding Impaired Driver Enforcement." Mr. Evans stated that the Milton Police Department is ranked #1 in Region II and #2 in the State for the use of e-tickets, which is a faster and more efficient way to generate reports and citations. Great job, Milton Police Department.

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

Recorder Walters read the minutes from the June 1 regular meeting, June 15 special meeting, and June 15 work session. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters presented the City bills for May 2021 totaling \$159,332.92 for the General Fund. Council Member Legg moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for May 2021. General Fund Total: \$1,226,416.63; Cemetery Total: \$93,132.96; Coal Severance Total: \$9,464.54. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for May 2021. He stated that the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has decided not to accept the 2011 Dodge Charger previously Resolved to be donated to them by the City of Milton. Chief Parsons recommends that the City attempt to sell the vehicle instead. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the report for May. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read a Resolution of Council Authorizing the Addition of Dana Walters as an Authorized Signatory on All City and Utilities Bank Accounts. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read a Resolution of Council for First Budget Revision of the General Fund to Roll Over the Remaining Balance from Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2022. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read a Resolution of Council for First Budget Revision of the Coal Severance Fund to Roll Over the Remaining Balance from Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2022. Council Member Miller moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the reappointment of Carl Harshbarger, Robert Jackson, John Hathaway, Cecil Taylor and Alice Taylor to the Milton Housing Authority. Council Member Miller moved to approve the reappointment. Second by Council Member Adkins. Council Member Harshbarger abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the reappointment of Debbie Conard, Regina Jenkins and Timmy Chastain to the Milton Building Commission. Council Member Miller moved to approve the reappointment. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the reappointment of Dakota Miller, Dave Chittum, Timmy Chastain and Matt Meadows to the Milton Municipal Utility Board. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the reappointment. Second by Council Member Legg. Council Member Miller abstained. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the reappointment of Steve Bragg as City Attorney, Lauren Plymale as Municipal Attorney, and Michael Meadows as Municipal Judge. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the reappointment. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended rehiring all other employees. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the reappointment. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read a Sewer Project Draw Resolution (Draw 22) for the Payment of Invoices from the Account Titled 2018 Sewer Project. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the resolution. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the Second Reading of the proposed Sewer Bond Ordinance. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Second Reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Milton Amending, Modifying and Reenacting Article 1711 West Virginia State Building Code to Comply with the West Virginia State Building Code. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Second Reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the First Reading an Ordinance of the City of Milton Amending, Modifying and Reenacting Article 705.01 (A) Definitions, and Article 705.16 Fees of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton to Correspond With Changes To State Law Regarding Contractors. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the First Reading. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

The First Reading of an Ordinance to modify Article 1715 Contractor Mechanical Licensing was tabled.

Council Member Miller stated that the lighting at the tennis courts is completed.

Beth Williamson advised that there will be a Drive-In showing of "Spiderman" at the Milton Flea Market on July 16 about 9:00 pm. Parking will be permitted beginning at 8:30 pm.

Chief Parsons introduced John Rutherford from the Cabell County Animal Control. Some nearby municipalities have granted them the ability to issue animal control citations into Municipal Court instead of Magistrate Court, where these types of citations are generally lightly regarded and seldom is any action taken. Chief Parsons asked Council to consider giving County Animal Control authority to enforce Milton's municipal code by citation into Milton Municipal Court. Mr. Rutherford stated when these citations are issued into the Municipal Court, it not only frees up the police officers from dealing with animal issues, but it also brings revenue into the City. Chief Parsons will check with the City Attorney to determine if we must change our Ordinance or if we simply need a Memorandum of Understanding.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Canterbury

Recorder Dana Walters