

MARCH 1, 2022

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Recorder Walters read the minutes from the February 1 Regular Meeting and February 18 Special Meeting. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters presented the City bills for January 2022 totaling \$133,877.68 for the General Fund. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for January 2022. General Fund Total: \$1,234,237.02; Cemetery Total: \$77,286.80; Coal Severance Total: \$3,135.95; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$560,068.87. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for January 2022. Council Member Legg moved to approve the report. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

City Clerk Elliott gave the Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Milton Amending, Modifying and Reenacting Article 705.16 (C) "License Fees, Fees" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the Second Reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

City Clerk Elliott gave the Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Milton Amending, Modifying and Reenacting Article 1705.19 "Building Permits, Administrative Fee for Debit/Credit Card Transactions" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Second Reading. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

City Clerk Elliott gave the First Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Milton Amending, Modifying and Reenacting Article 1725.01.1 "Off-Street Parking" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the First Reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

City Clerk Elliott read a Resolution of Council allowing parking to resume on Mason Street. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

City Clerk Elliott read a Resolution of Council authorizing the Mayor or Recorder to sign the “West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding” relating to mass opioid litigation. Council Member Legg moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Council Member Nicely spoke about possible areas for a dog park. Various City-owned properties were discussed, but most are currently FEMA properties (such as Orchard Street,) which have regulations against fences. It was restated that, after the flood wall is complete, there will likely be many locations available which are suitable for a dog park.

Council Member Nicely inquired about building a new police station. Council Member Harshbarger stated that this has been talked about for a long time, but nothing has been done. Chief Parsons stated that preliminary plans have been drawn up and if any of the Council Members have not seen them, the plans are in his office if they or anyone else would like to review them. Many discussions about funding options have taken place, but currently there is not enough money available to pay for construction. Council Member Legg stated it would be discussed at the upcoming budget meetings. Council Member Harshbarger also stated that the upcoming Budget Meetings would be the best time to discuss this further to see how much money we anticipate we will have available. Chief Parsons suggested that, if funding is available, we have a pre-bid meeting with contractors to discuss what is needed.

Resident Jack Sayre spoke to Council regarding a City stormwater drain located under the corner of his garage. He stated that this area is being washed out and he fears the structure will be damaged. He stated that he has spoken with several people at City Hall and there has been no solution to the problem. He stated that since the City owns the storm drain, the City should repair this problem. Mr. Sayre invited Council to go to his house and see the problem.

Resident Loretta Armstrong stated that since the guardrail was removed from Mason Street, she and her family fear that speeding vehicles will hit her home. She complained that people drive too fast on that road and without the guardrail she does not feel safe.

Resident Jim Peterson advised that the Milton Rotary Spaghetti Dinner on May 7th has been rescheduled for November 5th. He also indicated that Milton Rotary appreciated the article in the newsletter about the donation they made to the Milton Police Department. Chief Parsons stated that the Police Department really appreciated all the Milton Rotary does and has done for the Police Department.

Unnamed resident thanked Council for listening to the residents and reversing the parking ban on Mason Street.

Council Member Nicely moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Second by Council Member Harshbarger.
Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Canterbury

Recorder Dana Walters