

CITY OF MILTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET
MILTON, WV 25541

MAY 2, 2023

7:00 P.M.

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

Recorder Walters presented the minutes from the April 4, 11, 13 and 18 meetings. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters presented the City bills for March 2023 totaling \$188,202.37 for the General Fund. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Recorder Walters. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for March 2023. General Fund Total: \$1,362,732.41; Cemetery Total: \$79,780.03; Coal Severance Total: \$10,776.87; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,124,100.03. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for March 2023. Chief Parsons advised that Officer Cole Poore is doing well following an auto accident. He stated that Cabell County Sheriff Chuck Zerkle and the Cabell County Commission donated a 2016 Ford Explorer to the Milton Police Department. Their generous donation is greatly appreciated. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury advised that Council would vote on West Virginia American Water Company's offer to purchase Milton Utilities. Before the vote, he allowed audience guests to speak on this issue. Council heard from Christy Black, Karen Cremeans, Ed Huff, David Blackwood and Ann Sansom. Black and Sansom provided questions to be added to the minutes. See attached.

Following public remarks, Mayor Canterbury presented a Resolution of Council to Accept, Reject or Negotiate West Virginia American Water Company's Offer to Purchase Milton Utilities. Council Member Harshbarger moved to *reject* West Virginia American Water Company's Asset Purchase Agreement. Second by Council Member Miller. A roll-call vote was taken with all voting to reject West Virginia American Water Company's purchase offer. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read a Resolution of Council for the second budget revision of Fund 2 (Coal Severance). Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Legg. A roll call vote was taken with all voting in favor of the Resolution. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 932.05 "Storm Water Management and Surface Water Discharge Control: Flat Rate Charges," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. 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 Amending Article 932.06 "Storm Water Management and Surface Water Discharge Control: Charges Based on Land Area," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 139.10 "Municipal Court: Court Costs," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amending Article 139.12 "Municipal Court: Administrative and Failure to Appear Fee Per Citation," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Canterbury gave the first 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 first reading. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.



Mayor Tom Canterbury



Recorder Dana Walters

How much ~~more~~ ^{extra} gallons water did you purchase from WV Am. Water last month?

What did it cost the city last ~~month~~ ^{year 2022}?
Wasn't that at a 75% discount? The city's agreement is up in January is my understanding. It's my understanding that without that discount it will cost the city \$1.1 million. How are you going to pay the difference?

Thankful for your list of improvements. 1 1/2 of the existing projects are paid for. How is the city going to pay for the rest? I see there is a plan to apply for 1 grant.

The filter upgrades will help, but would you say you really need to expand the plant?

~~to expand the plant~~ ~~expand~~

Would you not say this is routine maintenance and bandaids? Where is the city going to get the funds to overhaul the existing infrastructure?

Request these questions be added to the minutes ~~ok~~ & under public comment.

According to your presentation the water & sewer system lost \$91K last year. So it costs more than what is coming in.

The Debt you have listed in the presentation is different than what is reported and filed with the PSC. Why is it different & what is it exactly?

If you lost \$91K on water & sewer you have 9.3 million in debt. I would think that would be a hefty rate increase to cover existing debt, maintain the system as is, as well as provide an upgrade.

You mentioned a rate increase at the public meeting. It isn't on the handout.

How much do you anticipate? I am assuming that is for water & sewer? Will there be programs for seniors & those on fixed incomes like other utilities offer to assist with their bill?

Request these questions be added to the minutes under public comment