

City of Milton Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

1139 Smith Street, Milton, WV 25541

Attendees

- **Mayor:** Shane Evans
 - **Recorder:** Phyllis Smith
 - **Council Members:** Scott Foster, Carl Harshbarger, Chase Bryant, Scott Bias, Troy Nicely (via phone)
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1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Milton City Council was called to order by Mayor Shane Evans at 7:00 P.M. on May 6, 2025, at City Hall, 1139 Smith Street, Milton, WV 25541.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Foster.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shane Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Shane Evans presented the agenda for approval.

Motion: Councilman Carl Harshbarger moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Recorder Phyllis Smith

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

5. Approval of Minutes

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented the minutes from the April 1, 2025, Regular Meeting and the April 15, 2025, Special Meeting.

Motion: Recorder Phyllis Smith moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Councilman Scott Bias

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

6. City Bills

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented the city bills for approval.

Motion: Council Member Carl Harshbarger moved to approve the payment of city bills as presented.

Second: Recorder Phyllis Smith

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

7. Permits

The following permits have been approved by our Building Inspector/Code Official:

- **012:** Best Virginia Heating & Cooling LLC, HVAC replacement at 1230 Glenwood Street.
- **013:** Design Roofing LLC, Roof replacement at 408 Mahoganywood Drive.
- **014:** Solar Hollar LLC, Solar panels on roof at 1205 Washington Avenue.
- **015:** Ashworth Heating & Cooling, New HVAC unit at 27 Gable Drive.
- **016:** Best Virginia Heating & Cooling LLC, Furnace replacement at 823 Highland Avenue.

Motion: Councilman Harshbarger moved to acknowledge the permits as presented.

Second: Councilman Bias.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

8. City Financial Report for March 2025

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented the City Financial Report for March 2025, detailing revenues and expenditures.

Motion: Councilman Carl Harshbarger moved to accept the financial report as presented.

Second: Councilman Scott Bias

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

9. Police Report for March 2025

Chief O'Dell presented the Police Report for March 2025, summarizing departmental activities, incidents, and staffing updates.

Motion: Councilman Scott Foster moved to accept the police report as presented.

Second: Recorder Phyllis Smith

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

10. Milton Volunteer Fire Department's Request for Opioid Funds

Moved to: Special Meeting – May 9, 2025.

11. Reports from Boards and Committees

- Milton Housing Authority: No Report this Month.

- Milton Volunteer Fire Department: Parker Starkey presented report.
Motion: Councilmember Bryant moved to acknowledge the reports as presented.
Second: Recorder Smith.
Vote: Unanimous in favor.

12. Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds

Mayor Shane Evans presented a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the Police Department's Home Rule Account to the City's General Fund for reimbursement of expenses.

Motion: Councilman Chase Bryant moved to adopt the resolution as presented.

Second: Recorder Phyllis Smith

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

13. Budget Revision #3 – General Fund

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented Budget Revision #3 for the General Fund, outlining proposed adjustments.

Motion: Councilman Carl Harshbarger moved to approve Budget Revision #3 for the General Fund as presented.

Second: Councilman Scott Bias

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

14. Budget Revision #2 – Coal Severance

Recorder Phyllis Smith presented Budget Revision #2 for the Coal Severance Fund, detailing proposed changes.

Motion: Councilman Carl Harshbarger moved to approve Budget Revision #2 for the Coal Severance Fund as presented.

Second: Recorder Phyllis Smith

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

15. First Reading: Ordinance Amending Article 335.01 – Maximum Speed Limits

Mayor Shane Evans introduced an ordinance amending, modifying, and re-enacting Article 335.01 regarding maximum speed limits. Councilman Carl Harshbarger moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Second by Councilman Chase Bryant and the vote was unanimous.

16. Allocation of Lipitor Settlement Funds

Mayor Shane Evans presented a proposal for the allocation of Lipitor settlement funds. Discussion included where it might be useful. Finance Clerk Ernst said if no decision can be made, we will allocate to contingency fund until spent. Councilman Bryan moved to approve the allocation of Lipitor settlement funds as presented. Second by Councilman Foster and the vote was unanimous. Motion by Councilman Bryant moved to approve the allocation of Lipitor settlement funds as presented. Second by Councilman Foster and the vote was unanimous.

Moved to go into Executive Session (7:53 PM) Mayor called council meeting back in session at (8:44 PM). No business conducted.

17. Hiring of Up to Two Police Officers

Mayor Shane Evans proposed hiring up to two full-time police officers to address staffing needs. Councilman Harshbarger moved to authorize the hiring of up to two police officers. Second by Councilman Bias and the vote was unanimous.

18. Hiring of Part-Time Police Officers

Mayor Shane Evans proposed hiring part-time police officers to supplement the department. Councilman Harshbarger moved to authorize the hiring of part-time police officers as presented. Second by Councilman Bias and the vote was unanimous.

19. Discussion of Pay Rate for Police Officers

Mayor Shane Evans led a discussion on adjusting the pay rate for police officers to ensure competitive compensation. Council discussed a \$1.50/hour across the board for all officers. New starting pay for new officers will be \$23.50/hour. Councilman Bias moved to authorize the increase for all police officers as presented. Second by Councilman Bryant and the vote was unanimous.

20. Announcements

Mayor Shane Evans announced the following community events and closures:

- **Every Tuesday:** BINGO at Milton Senior Center, 12:30 P.M.
- **Every Sunday:** BINGO at American Legion, 6:00 P.M.
- **May 11:** Mother's Day.
- **May 17:** City-Wide Yard Sale.
- **May 17:** Armed Forces Day.
- **May 26:** Memorial Day, City Hall closed.
- **June 15:** Father's Day.
- **June 19:** Juneteenth, City Hall closed.
- **June 20:** West Virginia Day, City Hall closed.

21. Comments from Council

Councilman Harshbarger stated the 5K Run is on Saturday and cones will be out at 7:00 A.M. and will be picked up directly after race is over.

22. Comments from the Public

23. Adjournment

Councilman Harshbarger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 P.M..
Second by Councilman Bryant, and the vote was unanimous.

Date October 7, 2025

Mayor Shane Evans Shane Evans

Recorder Phyllis Smith Phyllis Smith