

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Minutes from the August 1, 2023 Public Hearing and Council Meeting were presented. Council Member Harshbarger moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

The City bills were presented for July 2023 totaling \$134,020.41 for the General Fund. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for July 2023. General Fund Total: \$1,568,635.36; Cemetery Total: \$77,630.15; Coal Severance Total: \$3,261.50; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,125,600.19. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for July 2023. Chief Parsons advised that grant funded in-car cameras, three of which are also license plate readers, are being installed. Also purchased with grant funding was a TV to be used to view in-car camera footage. He said this could also be used by the City if required. He stated that the Police Department was contacted by Triton Construction regarding interstate coverage during the construction of the Culloden exchange. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented to authorize the transfer of \$7,067.89 from the Police Savings account to the General Fund account to reimburse for expenses incurred. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Recorder Walters. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the first reading of an Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Article 1727 "Solid Waste Requirements," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Miller stated that Ordinances falling under the Code Enforcer's duties must be enforced more aggressively and consistently; repeated telephone calls do not work. Council Member Miller moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Council reviewed FEMA's response to our application for a grant for generators, in which FEMA requested confirmation of who would pay for the remaining 5% of the non-federal share of the grant. Council considered options including cutting our losses, paying the entire 10% non-federal share, and looking for additional grant funding. Council asked for an updated cost of the generators to get a more accurate idea of current costs and what 10% would be. Council suggested reaching out to Delegates and the County Commission to see if there was additional grant funding available. This issue will again be addressed at a Special Meeting to be held prior to September 21, 2023.

Council reviewed quotes for First Aid Kits, Eye Wash Stations and an AED from Cintas and CC Safety Supply. Council Member Miller moved to remain with CC Safety Supply for the First Aid Kits and to purchase Eye Wash Stations for the Water Plant and Maintenance Garage from CC Safety Supply, and to look for a grant to possibly purchase an AED for City Hall. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a request from CCCSO for maintenance of a portion of the sidewalk at the Milton Senior Citizen's Center. Public Works Director Charles Conard recommended that a section of concrete slab be replaced, and a downspout moved. Council Member Miller moved to replace the portion of concrete and to reposition the downspout. Second by Recorder Walters. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented to transfer funds from the Hiddenbrook Account to the Street Construction Account and to close the Hiddenbrook Account. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented to authorize the payment of an invoice from Myers Paving for paving Hidden Brook Way, Parish Lane and Grant Lane. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury advised that West Virginia American Water sent a letter to the City of Milton advising that they would not be renewing the Agreement to purchase water at a reduced rate. A discussion was had about how this will impact MMUC. We have a third water operator now, and once the new filtration system is in place, we should not need to purchase any water.

Mayor Canterbury advised that Municipal Judge David Moyer submitted his resignation. Phyllis Smith, who is currently the Municipal Court Judge for Hamlin, Lincoln County, will cover Milton Municipal Court until further notice. Although it was indicated that November Court was canceled, there will now be Court in November, but the date has changed to Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Mayor Canterbury stated that Adam Johnson with the Ona/Milton Little League contacted him to request the City's help purchasing another mower. Council indicated that we recently purchased a new mower for them. It was also stated that the Little League did not present this request to the City for consideration before it created the budget for this fiscal year, but Council can keep it in mind for next fiscal year.

Council Member Miller stated that one of the City's mowers needs to be either repaired or replaced. Public Works Director Charlie Conard said that someone from Bridgeport Equipment would be coming to look at the mower to see if it can be repaired.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Canterbury

Recorder Dana Walters