

CITY OF MILTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET  
MILTON, WV 25541

APRIL 2, 2024

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, Tennis Adkins, Dakota Miller, Troy Nicely and Deborah Conard. 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.

Minutes from the March 5 Council Meeting, March 8, 11 and 18 Budget Meetings, and March 18 Special Meeting were presented. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

The City bills were presented for February 2024 totaling \$278,502.76 from the General Fund, and \$50,696.90 from the American Rescue Fund. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for February 2024. General Fund Total: \$1,620,930.03; Cemetery Total: \$81,726.10; Coal Severance Total: \$9,258.91; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,077,444.53; Building Commission Total: \$4,779.89. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for February 2024. Chief Parsons gave an update on the police cruisers and construction in the Police Department. He stated that he was advised that the new school zone signs in front of the Pre-K on Route 60 are not in compliance with state law and have been removed. It is his understanding that Delegate Linville is investigating the possibility of amending legislation to allow certified Pre-Ks to be included in school zone signage. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented authorizing the transfer of \$8,637.35 from the Police Savings account to the General Fund account to reimburse for expenses incurred. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Tim Stewart, the Safety Manager for the Cabell County School Board addressed council to request that the new Milton Elementary School be annexed into the City. He stated that the sole reason for the request was for the positive daily/weekly interactions between the students and the Milton Police Department. Mr. Stewart was asked why the Board of Education waited until after the school was built to request annexation. Council also inquired as to the Board of Education's plans for the current school once the new school opens, and how they would keep the property from becoming dilapidated and free from the problems common to vacant structures. Mr.

Stewart referred council to others at the Board of Education for answers to those questions. City Attorney Steve Bragg indicated that since the roadway leading to the school would also need to be annexed, we must get consent from adjoining property owners. Council Member Nicely moved to identify the metes and bounds of the area wishing to be annexed, and to move forward with the next step toward annexing the new Milton Elementary School. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. A roll-call vote was taken, with all voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amending, Modifying and Re-Enacting Article 345.34 “Safety and Equipment: Operation of Vehicles with Safety Belts” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Miller moved to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the first reading of an Ordinance Amending, Modifying and Re-Enacting Article 343.03 “Special Stops Required: Stopping for School Bus” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented a Resolution of Council for the Second Budget Revision of Fund 1 (General Fund.) Council Member Miller moved to approve the Second Budget Revision of Fund 1. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. A roll-call vote was taken with all in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented a Resolution of Council for the Second Budget Revision of Fund 2 (Coal Severance Fund.) Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Second Budget Revision of Fund 2. Second by Council Member Miller. A roll-call vote was taken with all in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Council discussed options for the City-owned lot on North Main Street. Council Member Conard suggested that we investigate selling the property for economic development. Council Member Nicely moved to investigate the sale of the property with the addition of certain use restrictions. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Council Considered Cebridge/Altice’s Application and proposed Agreement for the renewal of a non-exclusive franchise agreement in Milton. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Agreement. Second by Council Member Conard. Motion carried.

Council discussed the proposal to convert Pike Street to North-bound one-way traffic from Main Street to Church Street. Council Member Miller moved to postpone this matter until a later date. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Proclamation. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read the announcements of upcoming events. He added that on May 11<sup>th</sup> the City would host an old tire collection event behind the Milton Volunteer Fire Department.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Second by Council Member Miller.  
Motion carried.

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Mayor Tom Canterbury

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Recorder Dana Walters