CITY OF MILTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET MILTON, WV 25541

FEBRUARY 1, 2022 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Recorder Walters read the minutes from the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters presented the City bills for December 2021 totaling \$234,758.88 for the General Fund. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for December 2021. General Fund Total: \$1,064,678.80; Cemetery Total: \$74,186.80; Coal Severance Total: \$870.76; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$559,884.16. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for December 2021. Council Member Miller moved to approve the report. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read a Resolution of Council authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$29,372 from the Police Seizure Fund to the City's General Fund to reimburse the City for payment to Stephens Auto for a Police Cruiser. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the First 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 Harshbarger moved to approve the First Reading. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the First 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 First Reading. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury asked Council Member Nicely to speak regarding the prohibition of parking on Mason Street. Council Member Nicely voiced his concerns about this issue, and asked that a Resolution to Rescind the Resolution prohibiting parking on Mason Street be presented at the next City Council meeting. Milton residents and their representatives (Gray, T.Simmons, Wilson, Leedy and C.Simmons) spoke about the hardships the parking prohibition has placed on their families and provided a petition and a letter asking Council to reconsider this matter and vote to again allow parking on Mason Street.

Council Member Nicely requested that the Milton Police Department refrain from posting pictures of arrested persons on the MPD Facebook page. Milton residents Jenkins and Stanley stated that once the pictures were on Facebook, it made it difficult for the arrested persons to put the incidents behind themselves and move on. A discussion was had about the possibility of removing photos after a certain period of time, turning off the comments on each post, and to only post pictures of felony arrests and misdemeanor arrests involving noteworthy situations. Chief Parsons indicated he would take these requests under advisement.

Council Member Legg moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Canterbury

Recorder Dana Walters