

# CITY OF MILTON

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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, Council Members Tennis Adkins, Bob Legg, Carl Harshbarger, Dakota Miller and Troy Nicely. Recorder Dana Walters was absent.

Special guest Senator Robert Plymale presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 to assist in the replacement and repair of faulty fire hydrants. The funds were allocated by Senator Plymale, Senator Woelfel, and Delegate Linville. Senator Plymale stated that because of redistricting, Milton would no longer be in his district following the 2022 election. Mayor Canterbury thanked Senator Plymale for the funding, and thanked him for his representation of Milton.

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

Mayor Canterbury read the minutes from the October 1<sup>st</sup> Work Session and the October 5th Regular Meeting. Council Member Legg moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury presented the City bills for September 2021 totaling \$254,747.61. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read the City Financial Report for September 2021. General Fund Total: \$1,069,622.97; Cemetery Total: \$69,886.80; Coal Severance Total: \$10,843.31; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$559,343.30. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for September 2021. He advised that the 2014 Ford Taurus has been sold, leaving one car that the Police Department will keep in case they need a spare. Chief Parsons said there were no problems at the Pumpkin Festival this year, or over Halloween. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the September report. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the Second Reading of an Ordinance of Council of the City of Milton, West Virginia, Relating to Comprehensive Solid Waste Management; Renewing, Modifying, and Extending the Grant of a Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Collection to RGL, Inc., dba Mountain State Waste ("MSW") Consistent with West Virginia Code §§8-11-3 (9), 8-12-5 (10, 23, 44, and 55), 8-13-13 (A) and 8-31-1. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Second Reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the Second Reading of an Ordinance of Council Amending, Modifying and Re-Enacting Article 347.01 "Oversize or Overweight Vehicles" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton Relating to the Use of City Streets by Commercial and Heavy Vehicles. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Second Reading. Second by Council Member Legg. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury read a Resolution for the payment of invoices for the 2018 Sewer Project. Council Member Miller moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Grant writers Laura Cox and Cheryl Thomas spoke about grants available through the Land & Water Conservation Fund, and answered questions about grants available. Council Member Nicely asked if there was room at Jarrell Sargent Park for a small dog park, and if we could consider adding that. Mayor Canterbury stated that we would look into it.

Mayor Canterbury Read a Resolution to hire Laura Cox Planning & Design to write a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant to improve Jarrell Sargent Park. There was a roll-call vote. Council Members Nicely, Legg, Adkins and Miller voted to approve the Resolution. Council Member Harshbarger voted "no." Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury asked Council Member Harshbarger why he voted "no" to hire a grant writer for Jarrell Sargent Park when he voted "yes" to buy and demo the house on Lawhorn Street. Council Member Harshbarger stated he didn't know anything about the plans and designs for the park. Council Member Miller stated that there was \$55,000.00 set aside in the budget for improving the park. After the purchase and demo of the Lawhorn house, there is still money left over in this budget for hiring a grant writer and to put towards park improvements.

Mayor Canterbury stated that the recycling trailer will now be available nearly every weekend at the water plant.

Mayor Canterbury thanked Beth Williamson for providing and planting the fall decorations throughout the City. He commended her for consistently helping the City.

Council Member Nicely asked about the possibility of changing the time of the Work Sessions each month. This issue will be discussed.

Council Member Miller advised that Jarrell Sargent Park is FEMA property that was given to the City in 1997. He stated that it takes time and money to get things done, and progress is made in stages and doesn't always happen quickly. The City has been working on Jarrell Sargent Park and is trying to make that area and the Park a better place for the community.

Ms. Peterson asked why the hydrants were flushed twice. Council Member Miller advised her that the hydrants had not been flushed properly for quite some time, so they were flushed again to ensure that the water was clean and to make sure the hydrants were working properly.

Council Member Adkins moved to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

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Mayor Tom Canterbury

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Recorder Dana Walters

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