

CITY OF MILTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET
MILTON, WV 25541

JANUARY 7, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Shane Evans, Recorder Phyllis Smith, Council Members Carl Harshbarger, Troy Nicely, Scott Foster, Scott Bias, and Chase Bryant. 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 Foster. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans presented the minutes from the December 7, 2024 Council Meeting. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Bryant. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans stated that he appointed a new Utility Board Commission. The new Commissioners are Carl Harshbarger, Amanda Mercer, Rhonda Parsons, and Timmy Chastain.

The Oath of Office was given by Mayor Evans to the new Police Chief, Kyle O'Dell.

The City bills were presented for November 2024 totaling \$93,564.78 for the General Fund. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Foster. Motion carried.

Recorder Smith read the City Financial Report for November 2024. General Fund Total: \$1,553,240.19; Coal Severance Total: \$9,860.70; Cemetery Total: \$87,694.85; Opioid Settlement Fund Total: \$96,948.51; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,080,188.60; Building Commission Total: \$4,784.89. Council Member Bias moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Bryant. Motion carried.

Chief Kyle O'Dell read the Police Report for November 2024. Chief O'Dell spoke briefly, saying he does not take his position as Chief lightly and he is honored to wear the badge. He promised to protect the citizens of Milton just as he would protect his own home. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Foster. Motion carried.

There was not a report from the Milton Housing Authority.

There was not a report from the Milton Volunteer Fire Department.

A Resolution was presented authorizing the transfer of funds from the Police Department's Home Rule Account to the City's General Fund for reimbursement of expenses. Recorder Smith moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented authorizing the closure of the American Rescue Plan Act Account. . Recorder Smith moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Council considered to approve or deny the Thrasher Group's Engineering Service Agreement for the Melody Lane Water System Improvement Project. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Agreement. Second by Council Member Smith. Motion Carried.

Mayor Evans opened the floor for public comment.

Ed Huff spoke requesting a letter from the City approving an awning over the main door at the Milton Senior Center. He also inquired about getting the parking lot paved at the Senior Center.

Shenna Miller addressed Mayor Evans, inquiring about the job positions of Joe Kessler and Mike Ramsey. Mayor Evans answered that Mr. Kessler's title is Long-Term Water Project Manager and Mr. Ramsey's position is City Administrator. Miller asked why these positions were not listed on the agenda. Mayor Evans replied that he appointed these positions and that the salaries did not exceed budget.

Council Member Bias asked that a discussion and vote be added to the next agenda on the topic of holding two City Council meetings per month.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Mayor Shane Evans

Recorder Phyllis Smith