

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting

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Held December 15, 2015

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The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on December 15, 2015. Mayor Howland called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Ms. Howland indicated that it would be appropriate to consider local police and fire personnel who will be working during the Christmas holidays so that we can be safe at home with our families. She asked that personnel in the armed forces over the world be considered as well.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Howland, Vice Mayor Evans, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Brady, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Pittman

Presentation: Ms. Howland stated that tonight Council would honor Charlene Hinnners for her 20 years of service on City Council. Ms. Howland said community is very important to Ms. Hinnners and that she has been active on many committees and organizations both through Council and personally. Ms. Howland then presented Ms. Hinnners with the 'Key to the City'. Mr. Minniear presented Ms. Hinnners with a Christmas floral arrangement on behalf of Council. Ms. Howland stated that she has asked each member of Council to tell a favorite story about Ms. Hinnners and then she would open the meeting to Ms. Hinnners' family and friends for their remarks.

Ms. Howland stated that Ms. Hinnners has a heart of gold and that just after she had taken her Council seat in 2010, her brother passed away. The funeral services were on the west side of town. She said that as she came down the aisle at church she saw Ms. Hinnners in the back row. Ms. Howland spoke of how much it meant to her to see Charlene there in support of her and her family.

Ms. Hinnners thanked Council for the 'key' and stated that she appreciates the support from her family that allows her to be so active in the community. She said we have a great group of staff members at City Hall.

Mr. Bishop said his fondest memory of Ms. Hinnners is that they waited together to get election results the first time they ran for Council.

Ms. Evans stated that she has always been seated next to Ms. Hinnners and that at her first Council meeting Ms. Hinnners told her to "always do what you think is right." and she has strived to uphold that advice.

Ms. Holbrook stated that she is grateful for Ms. Hinnners' passion for the Parks and Recreation Commission and that she hopes she will continue to work with them.

Mr. Minniear stated that it has been a privilege to work with Charlene. He stated that she has been one of the biggest backers of the City and that she has a warm heart and a generous spirit. He indicated that Ms. Hinnners has always acted in what she feels is the City's best interest.

Ms. Brewer stated that Ms. Hinnners is always smiling and has always championed projects and City-wide activities and causes.

Mr. Brady stated that although he has only worked with Ms. Hinnners for a comparatively short amount of time, he has found her to be always considerate of others and enthusiastic in whatever job she tackles. He indicated that he has enjoyed working with her on various projects.

Mr. Pittman stated that he cannot remember a time when he didn't know Ms. Hinnners; first as a friend to his mother and then on Council. He stated that it is because of her and her persuasion that he is on Council today. Mr. Pittman said Charlene has always acted with Milford's best interests in her heart and that it was a privilege to work with her.

Ms. Waldmann, Clerk Pro Tem stated that her best memory of Ms. Hinnners is her preparation for performing weddings when she was the Vice Mayor. She indicated that Ms. Hinnners would show up all dressed up wearing a very cute black hat jauntily tilted to one side and always 'looked like a million bucks'. She said often Ms. Hinnners looked better than the wedding party.

Ms. Howland invited Ms. Hinnners' family members and others to come forward to speak if they would like.

Jan Wolker came forward and stated she is Ms. Hinnners' oldest child. She stated that her mother loves Milford and has worked tirelessly on Council for the betterment of the City. She thanked Council for allowing her mother to remain busy and then thanked them for their support of her mother.

Greg Hinnners came forward and thanked all of Council for their service to the City of Milford.

Todd Hinnners came forward and said that as they were all growing up, Milford itself was their park and that they were taught to love the City at a very early age.

Ray Schumacher came forward and thanked Ms. Hinnners for the great years she has spent in service to the community. He then thanked all of Council for their service.

Julie Preston came forward and thanked her mother, Ms. Hinnners for being such an amazing example to all of her children. She stated that Ms. Hinnners' years of service stemmed from a desire to have a curb problem corrected years and years ago.

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Jaime Hinnners came to the podium and stated that she remembers being taken to Fountain Square for Women's Right activities and working at soup kitchens as a youngster. She stated that her mother has always been involved in community activities. She thanked Council for their support and friendship toward her mother.

Kenna Wolker came forward and stated that her grand-mother has always been a great example of civic mindedness and service to her.

Drew Hinnners came forward and said that he is glad his mother has had City Council to keep her active.

Chris Hamm, President of the Milford-Miami Township Chamber of Commerce came to the podium at this time to thank Ms Hinnners for her 20 years of service to the community. He presented Ms. Hinnners with an award and stated that she has served with diligence, patience and grace and that it has been an honor to work with her.

Ms. Hinnners thanked all who had spoken and said she has wonderful memories of her time on Council.

Proceedings: Ms. Hinnners made a Motion to adopt the Proceedings from the December 1, 2015 regular City Council meeting; seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Financial Statements: There were no Finance Reports.

Public Comments: Mr. Hamm returned to the podium at this time. He congratulated Mr. Bishop for stepping up to fill the vacancy on Council. He then said that this is also the last Council meeting for Geoff Pittman. He presented Mr. Pittman with an award from the Chamber and stated that Mr. Pittman has done an amazing job on Council and that he has always put service to the City before self. He thanked Mr. Pittman for his tireless years of service on City Council and various commissions.

Standing Committee Reports:

Administrative Services: There was no report at this time.

Community Development: There was no report at this time.

Parks & Rec: Mr. Pittman reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission met in conjunction with the Community Development Committee to discuss improvements to the Riverside 2 Park. He indicated that the Steering Committee has made great strides and will soon make the project plans available to the public.

Public Services: There was no report at this time.

Safety Services: There was no report at this time.

City Manager's Report: Ms. Holbrook presented the following report:

CITY MANAGER

Last week Ed Hackmeister and I had a Landscape Contract Pre Bid meeting on Wednesday. The attendance at the pre-bid meeting was a requirement for any landscaping firm who would like to bid on the project. Five vendors were present. Final bids for the 2016 Landscaping Contract are due in at City Hall on December 18th at 11 a.m.

Tri-Pack will be moving their operations to the Wyler facility at 401 Milford Parkway very soon.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Ed Hackmeister, Service Department Supervisor reports that they have winterized the Riverside 2 restrooms and the concession stand and closed them for the season. Staff picked up several brush call-ins and is in the 7th run through the City picking up leaves. Ed reports that the last run for leaf collection will likely be the last week of December. Last week also found the department cleaning catch basins and re-painting lines on Lila Avenue.

WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT

Dave Walker, Waste Water Department Supervisor reports that his department fixed a water line leak in the press room. They performed other in-house tasks such as working on the sludge press putting new rollers and rubber skirts on the equipment, working on one of the digester valves and cleaning grease out of the Miami Woods lift station.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Matt Newman, Water Department Supervisor reports that Anthony Palmore began his employment with Milford today. He is a welcome addition to the Water Department staff.

Matt reports that his department completed 10 utility locates, 8 work orders, and completed the first half of monthly distribution samples last week. Later in the week they finished monthly operating reports and the NPDES report.

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Staff also pulled the 25 cellular meter end points we used for the modeling study and reinstalled old radio boxes.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Administrative Services Committee: Not scheduled at this time
Community Development Committee: Not scheduled at this time
Public Services Committee: Not scheduled at this time
Safety Services Committee: Not scheduled at this time

REMINDERS:

Santa Sunday: Sunday, December 20th. Listen for the sirens around 1:00.

Parks & Rec: 5:30 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2016

Planning: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2016

BZA: 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 17th and January 28, 2016

The City Administration Building will close December 24th at noon, and remain closed through December 25th in celebration of the Christmas holiday.

Police Department Report: Sgt. Keith Belcher came to the podium at this time to deliver the following report: Sgt. Belcher indicated that Thursday, December 17th was Shop with a Hero. He said they have 18 children who have been identified by Pattison Elementary as needing assistance this year, and through donations and projects they will be able to provide \$125.00 per child.

Sgt. Belcher stated that Ms. Hinnners will be missed and thanked her for her 20 years of support of the Milford Police Department.

He said he and Sgt. Mahan were recently invited to a 'Mock Lock-Down' by Ms. Borger, Principal at Pattison Elementary. When they arrived they asked what their role would be and were told that they should monitor the halls for any adults or children and that there should be no talking coming from the classrooms. The announcement was made that there was a suspicious person in the building. Sgt. Belcher said that as he and Sgt. Mahan went through the hallways they found not one adult or child, the doors were all secured and there was absolute silence throughout the building. He complimented Ms. Borger and the staff at Pattison saying that they 'have it all together' and that they and the children are well-prepared.

Fire Department Report: Chief Mark Baird came to the podium to deliver the following report: He stated that Ms. Hinnners' 20 years of service on Council says a lot about both Ms. Hinnners and the trust the community has for her.

Chief Baird indicated that he wanted to thank Milford School District for allowing them to train in the Milford Main building. He recognized Captain Nickell and Lt. Thiel for setting up and then conducting the training. He stated that he had seen a facebook post that read "Milford Main is still educating students."

Public Comments: There were no Public Comments at this time.

Council Comments: Mr. Bishop thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to serve on Council once again saying that it was both a pleasure and an honor to work with them for the past 90 days.

Mr. Minniear stated that he will miss working with Mr. Pittman and that he has been a valuable asset to the community. He said he has really enjoyed 'bouncing' ideas off of Geoff professionally and now looks forward to the next era in their relationship as his friend.

Mr. Brady stated that with Ms. Hinnners' 20 years, Mr. Bishop's 11 years and Mr. Pittman's 6 years – that is a lot of valuable experience and service to the City.

New Business:

15-1199 An Ordinance adopting the City of Milford Income Tax Ordinance for Taxable Years beginning with Tax Year 2016. Ms. Hinnners made a Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only; seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made a motion to adopt the Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

15-1200 An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Milford during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. Ms. Hinnners made a motion to adopt the Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

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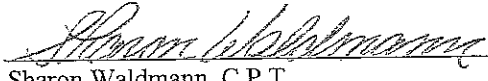
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Old Business: There was no old business to be discussed.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the City Council; the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion from Ms. Hanners; seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.


Sharon Waldmann, C.P.T.


Laurie Howland, Mayor