

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 2005, in Council Chambers, 745 Center St., Milford, Ohio. Mayor Bishop opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Bishop, Vice Mayor Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Antell, Mr. Reynolds, Ms. McBeath. Absent: Mr. Kolb. Motion by Ms. Hinnners, second by Ms. McBeath to excuse Mr. Kolb. All voted yes.

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Antell, second by Ms. Hinnners to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 15, 2005. Voting yes: Mr. Antell, Vice Mayor Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Reynolds. Abstaining: Mayor Bishop, Ms. McBeath.

Correspondence: None

Financial Statements: A motion by Ms. McBeath, Second by Ms. Hinnners to accept and approve the Reconciliation of City Funds, Revenue Report, Statement of Cash and the Expense Account Reports. All voted yes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: Mr. Gradolf reported that the Committee met on March 21, 2005. City Manager Rokey provided a checklist regarding the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Process to supplement local and OPWC funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bid opening will be on April 20th. The Committee will have a meeting on April 25th to review the bids for the project.

Dan Sarbach requested approval to purchase the equipment necessary for installation of radio read meters. The focus of the installation will be in Tree Ridge, Meadows of Milford and Stoneridge subdivisions. The Committee agreed to draft an Ordinance with Neptune Equipment Company for this project. A motion by Mr. Gradolf, second by Ms. Hinnners to draft an Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Radio Read meter equipment from Neptune Equipment Company in the amount of \$29,000. All voted yes. Mr. Sarbach advised the Committee that the line between the Air Stripper and the Clarifier requires cleaning. Bid specs for the new well should be ready for advertisement in the next three weeks. Kevin Mason, a Water Department employee will be off the job recuperating from a back injury. The injury was not City related. Mike Haight confirmed that all of the conditions regarding the Shell gas credit card have been resolved and we are ready to change accounts. Mr. Gradolf asked for a voice vote to accept the Shell gas card. Voting yes: Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Antell, Mayor Bishop. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds. Manager Rokey and Assistant Manager Jeff Wright participated in a discussion with ODOT, Clermont County Engineer and Miami Township staff regarding traffic issues on S.R. 28. Milford's focus was on the section from McClelland Rd. to the Milford Post Office. We will share existing traffic data and strategize regarding a scope of work for a traffic study. The end result may be an application for ODOT funding. It is time for sidewalk inspections and the staff requests a waiver of the fee for sidewalk repair permits. Mr. Gradolf requested a voice vote from Council, second by Mr. Antell to waive the permit fee for sidewalk repair. All voted yes.

Administrative Services: No Report

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: Mr. Antell reported that the Committee met on March 21, 2005. The City Manager distributed a 1997 memo from the former Finance Director concerning new City programs that do not have a funding source. She stated that there exists within the Ohio Revised Code enabling legislation which permits municipalities to adopt a shade tree assessment to provide funding for comprehensive tree care programs. The Committee discussed the benefits of having a shade tree assessment in place. In relation, the City Manager distributed a quote from Davey Tree Expert Company for tree removal and stump grinding for 52 hazardous trees located within the public rights-of-way, cemetery and Wastewater Plant. She informed the Committee that this is less than the amount, which had been budgeted in 2005 for hazardous tree removal and could be managed as a one-time expense. The Committee agreed to motion for an ordinance. A motion by Mr. Antell, second by Ms. Hinnners to draft an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Davey Tree Expert Company in the amount of \$24,290.00 for removal of the hazardous trees located at the Greenlawn Cemetery and Wastewater Plant and the approval for the one-time removal of hazardous trees in the rights-of-way of residential areas. All voted yes.

The Manager informed the Committee that the Sixth Annual U.S. 50 Yard Sale will be held May 20-22 and requested approval by all of Council for Milford's yard sale weekend. A motion by Ms. Hinnners, second by Mr. Gradolf that May 20-22 would be Milford's yard sale weekend and yard sale permit fees would be waived. All voted yes. Ms. Rokey also stated that OMMA had not yet responded to her letter regarding the lights on Main Street being kept on all year round. The Committee agreed to table the issue until organized comments are received from OMMA.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Service Department is busy with spring

Cleaning, street sweeping, patching potholes and cleaning the cemetery for Memorial Day. The annual mowing has begun and will continue until October. The Water Department replaced a 1953 fire hydrant on Laurel Ave. Legal advertisements for Phase II Wastewater Plant Expansion and Sludge Disposal bids will be printed in the Community Journal on April 6th and April 13th. City Manager Rokey along with several Council Members and City Staff attended the grand opening of Office Depot.

Daffodil Days was April 3rd at Promont. Although windy the hat parade and lemon meringue pies were judged. A luncheon For Randy Anderson, retiring Service Department employee will be April 22 at the Fire Fighter's Hall.

The Clermont County Planning Department wants to conduct a one-hour work session with Council or the appropriate committee to discuss our transportation networks. This will be referred to the Public Services Committee.

Committee Meetings

Admin. Services	Tuesday, April 12, 2005	7:00 p.m.
Safety Services	Tuesday, April 12, 2005	5:30 p.m.
Public Services	Monday, April 25, 2005	6:00 p.m.

Reminders

Parks & Recreation	Monday, April 11, 2005	5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, April 13, 2005	6:00 p.m.
East Fork River Sweep	Saturday, April 16, 2005	9-12:00 p.m.
Clean & Green Clean up	Saturday, April 23, 2005	9-12:00 p.m.
Chamber Excellence Dinner	Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at the Oasis	
Motorcycle Fund Raiser	Saturday, April 30, 2005 – American Legion Grounds	
Senior Saturday	Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Mulberry Elem.	10:00-1:00

Police Department: Chief Machan distributed the monthly police report to Council. Mayor Bishop presented Chief Machan with several police patches he acquired while on vacation in New Zealand and Australia. Chief Machan commended Sgt. Jamie Mills on his completion of the CLEE program for police leadership. Jana Hayes and Mike Ziska, from Target presented Chief Machan a digital camcorder to be used in the department. Chief Machan expressed his thanks to Target for the camcorder. Mayor Bishop also expressed Council's thanks to Sgt. Mills on his accomplishment and to Target for their generous donation.

Fire Department/EMS: No Report.

Comments:

Mr. Antell commented on a 1957 article about Milford and its needs then and how some of the same needs exist today.

Mayor Bishop said that he had received a letter from Bill Knepp requesting to become the Town Crier of Milford. This will be referred to Committee.

Mr. Reynolds expressed his thanks to all who attended the Valley View Breakfast fundraiser.

Ms. McBeath suggested that maybe a parent information program on drugs could be initiated through the Safety Committee, Police Department and Fire Department in view of the recent happenings at the High School. She also stated that sexual offender information could be obtained from the Sheriff's website.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ordinances and Resolutions:

05-435 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Davey Tree Expert Company in the amount of \$24,290 for removal of hazardous trees located at Greenlawn Cemetery and the Wastewater Plant and approval for the one-time removal of hazardous trees in the rights-of-way of residential areas. Motion by Ms. McBeath, second by Ms. Hinnners to suspend the rules and read by title only. All voted yes. Motion by Ms. Hinnners, second by Mr. Antell to adopt. All voted yes.

05-436 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Radio Read Meter equipment from Neptune Equipment Company in the amount of \$29,000.00. Motion by Ms. McBeath, second by Mr. Reynolds to suspend the rules and read by title only. All voted yes. Motion by Mr. Gradolf, second by Ms. Hinnners to adopt. All voted yes.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Antell, second by Mr. Gradolf. All voted yes.

