

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on, September 6, 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: Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinners, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Antell, Mayor Bishop, Mr. Reynolds. Absent: Ms. McBeath. Mr. Gradolf made a motion, second by Ms. Hinners to excuse Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Minutes: Mr. Gradolf made a motion, second by Mr. Antell to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 16, 2005. All voted yes.

Correspondence: None.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: Mr. Kolb reported that the Committee met on August 22, 2005 and on September 6, 2005. At the August 22nd meeting a draft application to OPWC for the 54" CSO Elimination Project was provided. Due to an \$800,000 increase in the cost estimate, the final application will probably break down into two additional phases in keeping with the original cost estimates. The Committee agreed to motion to draft a Resolution authorizing submittal of an application for OPWC funding for the 54" CSO Elimination Project. The motion was made by Mr. Kolb second by Mr. Gradolf. Voting yes: Ms. Hinners, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Gradolf. Voting no: Mr. Antell. Because of the monetary savings and the reduction of man-hours by using radio read meters Dan Sarbach would like to appropriate additional water and wastewater funds to purchase more meters. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance amending appropriations for the purchase of radio read meters in the amount of \$11,000 from the Water Improvement & Replacement Fund and \$11,000 from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of radio read meters from Neptune Equipment Co. in the amount of \$22,000. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

The City Manager provided draft copies of the water rate study for review and discussion. The City's access fees are below average in comparison with 13 other communities across the state. The Committee agreed to recommend an increase in access fees to 90% of the highest fees charged by other communities due to limited growth potential and significant capital needs. Mr. Sarbach stated that the softening would be off-line so that a 12" waterline between the air-stripper and clarifier is replaced.

At the September 6th Committee meeting Mr. Kolb reported that the Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance regarding a schedule of fees for connection to the City water system. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Mr. Gradolf. All voted yes. The Committee also agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance regarding a schedule of fees for connection to the City sewer system. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Mr. Gradolf. All voted yes. The Committee reviewed a proposal from Quest Engineering for a wastewater study. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Quest Engineering for \$7,500. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Mr. Gradolf. All voted yes. The Committee also reviewed a proposal from Barrett Paving to adjust sanitary sewer manholes. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Barrett Paving in the amount of \$12,000. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes. The Committee reviewed bids for the wastewater treatment plant improvement projects. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance to authorize a contract with Building Crafts in the amount of \$2,801,271 (General bid \$2,645,740 + \$155,531 in alternates). Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance to authorize a contract with Lake Erie Electric in the amount of \$526,740. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Administrative Services: No report

Safety Services: Mr. Reynolds reported that the Committee met on August 17, 2005. Chief Cooper informed the Committee that two new ambulance units are to be purchased to replace units from 1999. One unit will be purchased from existing funds and one will be covered through an increase in the current contract. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance amending appropriations Ordinance 05-433 increasing appropriations for Emergency Medical Services from the Milford Community Fire Department in the amount of \$92,840. Mr. Reynolds made the motion, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes. The Committee also agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the City's contract with the Milford Community Fire Department EMS Division in the amount of \$92,840 for Capital Equipment. Mr. Reynolds made the motion, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes. Mr. Reynolds stated that Chief Machan discussed with the Committee the permit process for "Block Parties." The Chief proposed minor amendments to clarify the organizer's responsibilities and he requests applications 30 days prior to the event. The Committee agreed that Chief Machan should incorporate these revisions into our current process.

City Manager Rokey provided the Committee survey results regarding community ordinances regulating Itinerant Venders and Peddlers. A discussion was held on issuing photo badges for short-term events and

solicitations. The public should call the police department if a solicitor is not registered. It was agreed that vender permits would not be issued during the Frontier Days parade. Requests for waiving fees by any organizers of city supported events must be done in writing. The license issued does not imply that the City endorses the vendor's product. If requested by the Milford Miami Township Chamber, the City will waive permits for vendors invited to participate on festival grounds. Charitable organizations soliciting donations must register with the police department. Proof of 501 C 3 status must be provided even though the fees are waived.

The Committee also discussed the success of National Night Out for the 1st time in Milford. They also discussed street closings for the Buskers Festival.

Community Development: Mr. Antell reported that the Committee met on August 29, 2005. Mr. Antell asked for an update from the Revitalization Task Force. Don Ackermann introduced Jim Buckner with Cross Consulting; the consultant contracted to assist the RTF. Mr. Buckner distributed the rough draft outline and results of the modified focus group questions. He explained that a modified focus group was done with a group of downtown property owners, a group of people representing civic organizations, and a group of downtown business owners. Questions asked the three groups related to the economic vitality of downtown, threats and opportunities of downtown, and stewardship. Although the groups were diverse, the results showed a commonality of answers. Mr. Buckner stated that he informed each of the groups that the planning of downtown's revitalization is shared responsibility of all of the facets and not solely the governments. Another point stressed during the focus group sessions is that the solutions need to be economically feasible. Mr. Buckner also informed the Committee that if the City takes on a leadership role, it should be temporary while a transition plan is being developed. Mr. Ackermann stated that the next step of the RTF will be to have a group of civic, business, and property owner representatives draft a strategic plan.

Mr. Wright informed the Committee that since the City recently closed on the sale of a portion of the Valley View property, the City Manager would be negotiating terms for a lease on the balance of the property. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance for the City Manager to enter into negotiations for the lease of property with the Valley View Foundation. Mr. Antell made the motion, second by Mr. Reynolds. All voted yes. Mr. Antell asked Mr. Wright to coordinate having the Urban Forester from ODNAR at an upcoming Committee meeting and possibly a City Council meeting to discuss the merits of a comprehensive tree program and Tree City USA.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Service Department is replacing the yellow ribbons in the City. The ribbons were provided by the MCFD, Milford Miami Chamber and OMMA. Line painting is scheduled for next week and the Catch Basin cleaning continues. The Water Department reports that curb stops and line service was replaced on Forest and Cleveland Avenues. The clarifier was off-line 10 days to replace a 12" influent water main.

Committee Meetings

Public Services	Monday, September 19, 2005	6:00 p.m.
Community Dev.	Monday, September 19, 2005	7:00 p.m.

Reminders

Homewood Grand open.	Friday, September 9, 2005	5-7 p.m.
9-11 Memorial	Sunday, September 11, 2005	3:00 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, September 14, 2005	6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday, September 19, 2005	5:30 p.m.
Citizens Housing	Monday, September 19, 2005	7:00 p.m.
Buskars Festival	Saturday, October 1, 2005	12-6 p.m.
City wide yard sale	October 7 through October 9, 2005	
Junk Days	October 14 Th and 15 th , 2005	
City Picnic	Saturday, October 15, 2005	Legion Hall

Ms. Rokey asked for a voice vote from Council establishing Monday, October 31, 2005 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. as Beggar's Night in the City of Milford. Mr. Antell made the motion, second by Mr. Reynolds. All voted yes.

Police Department: Chief Machan distributed the department's monthly report to Council. The Chief reported that the department has completed their training for Tasers. Our Police Department now has two Tasers. He reported that Sgt. Asa Burroughs would be going to Louisiana to help in law enforcement due to the hurricane. Officers from Milford, Miami Township, Goshen and Bethel will also be going to help.

Fire Department/EMS: Assistant Chief Mark Flannagin reported that the new yellow ribbons were in place. He stated that the 9-11 Memorial Parade will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday. He also said that the department would be sending one of our EMS ambulances to the aid in the hurricane rescue.

Comments: Mr. Gradolf commented on a recent article in *The Milford Advertiser* concerning the Milford Board of Education's decision to not use the Milford Parkway connector for their busses. Mr. Gradolf stated that the Board of Education's decision was not a sound one. One of the reasons the connector was built was to alleviate the busses coming from Beechwood Rd. and driving on narrow, winding Round Bottom Rd. Mr. Gradolf feels that the article was a "slap in the face" to the City of Milford. Law Director Minniear commented that he felt the Milford Board of Education's statements in the article were inappropriate and inflammatory. Discussion was held among Council members concerning the article.

City Manager Rokey announced that the corner property at Milford Parkway and US 50 has been cleaned up and the shrubbery trimmed.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the Beverly Doolittle exhibit at Row House was a great success.

Mr. Antell reminded citizens of the Antique Show in downtown Milford on September 11, 2005.

Mayor Bishop commented that with the new businesses opening on Main Street he has seen an increase in people and vehicles in the downtown area.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 05-517 A Resolution authorizing submittal of an application for OPWC funding for the 54" CSO Elimination Project. A motion was made to adopt by Ms. Hinnners, second by Mr. Gradolf. Voting yes: Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Kolb. Voting no: Mr. Antell.
- 05-518 A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Antell, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.
- 05-464 An Ordinance amending appropriation Ordinance 05-433 for the purchase of radio read meters in The amount \$11,000 from the Water Improvement & Replacement Fund and \$11,000 from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund and increasing appropriations for Emergency Medical Services from the Milford Community Fire Department in the amount of \$92,840. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Kolb, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.
- 05-465 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of radio read meters from Neptune Equipment Company in the amount of \$22,000. A motion was made by Mr. Antell, second by Mr. Kolb to suspend the rules and read by title only. All voted yes. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Antell, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.
- 05-466 An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the City's contract with the Milford Community Fire Department EMS Division in the amount of \$92,840 for Capital Equipment. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was made by Mr. Kolb, second by Mr. Gradolf. All voted yes. A motion to adopt was made by Ms. Hinnners, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.
- 05-467 An Ordinance for the City Manager to enter into negotiations for the lease of property with the Valley View Foundation. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was made by Mr. Antell, second by Mr. Kolb. All voted yes. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Antell, second by Mr. Kolb. All voted yes.

Mayor Bishop requested an Executive Session for personnel and legal reasons immediately following the Council meeting. Mr. Hinnners made a motion for the Executive Session, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Regular Council the meeting was recessed at 8:30 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. and was adjourned with a motion from Mr. Gradolf, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.