

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on, November 15, 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: Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Antell, Ms. McBeath, Mayor Bishop, Mr. Gradolf and Mr. Reynolds.

Minutes: Mr. Gradolf made a motion, second by Ms. Hinnners to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the November 1, 2005 Council meeting. All voted yes.

Correspondence: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: No report

Administrative Services: Mr. Kolb reported that the Committee met on November 14, 2005. Chief Machan provided the Committee with a proposal to maintain the pay differential between sergeants and patrol officers in accordance with the union contract. Certain benefit changes will also apply. The Committee agreed to draft an Ordinance authorizing wage rate and benefit amendments for the position of sergeant. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. The Finance Director has upgraded the payroll system to provide direct deposit of employee paychecks. About 50% of employees have signed up. All new employees will be required by ordinance to direct deposit their paychecks. The Committee agreed to draft an Ordinance mandating direct deposit for payroll purposes for all new employees. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. The City Manager announced that she has selected an individual to fill the position of Administrative Secretary. She will begin on November 28, 2005.

Safety Services: No report

Community Development: Karen Huff from the Chamber distributed a proposal from a Light up Milford/Miami Township Committee which proposes the purchase and installation of 36" wreaths on the traffic signal mast arms at four main intersections. The Milford Community Fire Department has agreed to do the installation. The Committee and staff discussed the issue of painting maintenance to the mast arms, money remaining in appropriations in the Service Department budget, and that the proposal included placing garland and bows on the two new gateway signs. The Committee agreed that the City could provide up to \$750 this year. The Service Department is also purchasing and hanging Christmas lights on the Old Milford street trees. The Committee, staff and Ms. Huff discussed the progress and status of the Revitalization Task Force efforts for downtown Milford.

The City Manager distributed a plat and request from Cincinnati United Contractors for the vacating of a 50 foot access easement on lot 10 of Chamber Drive. She stated that the staff agrees with vacating the easement. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance vacating the access easement for Lot 10 of the Milford Commerce Park. Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Mr. Gradolf. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, at this point in the vote Mr. Reynolds questioned the placement of the easement and its necessity. He asked to see a map showing the exact location of the easement. The voting continued with Mr. Reynolds voting no. Voting yes: Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Gradolf. Abstaining: Mr. Kolb.

City Manager Rokey requested approval to sign a purchase agreement with the Valley View Foundation related to WRRSP OPEA funding. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance for the City Manager to sign a purchase agreement with the Valley View Foundation related to WRRSP OPEA funding. Mr. Antell made the motion, second by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Mr. Wright informed the Committee of a request from a local family that wants to operate Riverside ballpark for use by softball leagues. They would be responsible for maintenance, utilities, and food operation permits. The general public could use the field when not conflicting with league games. Mr. Wright will discuss this with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Ms. Rokey informed the Committee of progress being made with Great Traditions regarding the redevelopment of the Clermont Lumber site. With the necessity of having the riverbank restored before any development occurs, she requested an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Oxbow River and Stream in the amount of \$22,000 for the design of a stream bank stabilization project, with the understanding that the City will be reimbursed for 2/3 of the contract cost by Great Traditions and the property owner. Mr. Antell made the motion, second by Mr. Gradolf. Before the vote was taken Mr. Reynolds questioned this expense. He feels that the City should not pay this amount. Discussion was held among Council members as to the necessity of this project. Mr. Reynolds stated that he feels the development could proceed without this study. Voting yes: Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Kolb, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Antell and Mr. Bishop. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Service Department reported some isolated flooding during the recent rain storm. They are cleaning catch basins in anticipation of another storm. Leaf pick-up continues and the painting of the yellow curbs has been completed. The department is in the process of putting up Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving.

The Water department reported that the water lab received a three-year license renewal. All water supply systems are certified every three years. All Milford water operators are now lab certified. A fire hydrant on US 50 was struck resulting in a major leak. The hydrant was replaced during which time water was shut-off to businesses from I-275 to Klondyke Rd. An emergency leak was repaired on Wooster Pike. Water was off for two hours to all Milford customers on Wooster Pike.

Committee Meetings

Community Develop.	Monday, November 21, 2005	7:00 p.m.
Safety Services	Monday, November 21, 2005	6:00 p.m.

Reminders

“Hometown Holidays”	November 25, 26, 27, 2005	10-8:00 p.m.
Citizen’s Housing	Monday, November 21, 2005	7:00 p.m.
City Offices Closed	November 24, 25 2005	
Taste of Christmas	Wednesday, December 7, 2005	6-8:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, December 14, 2005	6:00 p.m.
Employee Christmas	Friday, December 16, 2005	Firefighter’s Hall
Parks & Recreation	Monday, January 9, 2006	5:30 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy were express to the families of Stella Eveland, former Administrative Secretary and to Carol Woerner on the death of her father.

Police Department: Chief Machan reported that the department would participate in the Circle Cincinnati traffic enforcement along I-275. He also reported that the department is “gearing up” for the holidays.

Fire Department/EMS – No report

Comments: Karen Huff from the Chamber thanked all those who participated in the COVER awards dinner. She announced that the Taste of Christmas will be held on December 7th at the Firefighters Hall and the Promont Luncheon will be on December 14th. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. Mark Sund, President of OMMA gave an overview of what will be happening during “Hometown Holidays.” He thanked the City for their monetary support and the help of the Service Department and the Police and Fire Departments.

Old Business: None
Ordinances and Resolutions

New Business:

Ordinances and Resolutions

- 05-484 An Ordinance vacating the Ingress and Egress Easement at Milford Commercial Park. A motion by Ms. Hinnners, second by Mr. Gradolf to suspend the rules and read by title only. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Gradolf. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds. Abstaining: Mr. Kolb. A motion by Mr. Gradolf, second by Ms. Hinnners to adopt. Voting yes: Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Antell and Mr. Bishop. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds. Abstaining: Mr. Kolb.
- 05-485 An Ordinance authorizing wage rate and benefit amendments for the position of Sergeant. A motion by Ms. McBeath, second by Mr. Kolb to suspend the rules and read by title only. All voted yes. A motion by Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. McBeath to adopt. All voted yes.
- 05-486 An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Oxbow River and stream for the design of a Stream Bank Stabilization Project. A motion by Mr. Kolb, second by Mr. Antell to suspend the rules and read by title only. Voting yes: Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Kolb and Ms. McBeath. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds. A motion by Ms. McBeath, second by Ms. Hinnners to adopt. Voting yes: Ms. McBeath, Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners and Mr. Kolb. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Antell, second by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk of Council

Lou Bishop, Mayor