

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on, December 20, 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, and Mr. Kolb. Absent: Ms. McBeath. Ms. Hinnners made a motion, second by Mr. Reynolds to excuse Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Minutes: Mr. Antell made the motion, second by Ms. Hinnners to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the December 6, 2005 Council meeting. Voting yes; Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining; Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Kolb.

Correspondence: None

Financial Statements: Mr. Kolb made the motion, second by Mr. Gradolf to accept and approve the following financial statements: Reconciliation of City Funds, Statement of Cash, Revenue Report, Expense Account Report and Schedule of Investment and Interest. All voted yes.

Proclamation: Mayor Bishop presented Vice-Mayor Gradolf with a Proclamation of Appreciation for his past eight years as a Council Member and Vice-Mayor. Vice-Mayor Gradolf expressed his gratitude for the honor.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: Mr. Gradolf reported that the Committee met on December 13, 2005. Carol Royer, Wastewater Supervisor discussed the bid and contract with Clermont County for sludge hauling. Rumpke was the low bidder. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing a contract with Clermont County and payments to Rumpke under the contract for Hauling Sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Gradolf made the motion, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. The Manager provided a first draft of the Wastewater Rate Study. There are a few corrections to be made and the capital improvements costs need further review. The Committee recommended a work session to more fully discuss the recommendations. The Committee will meet on January 4, 2006. Council is urged to attend.

The Staff is currently performing an initial evaluation of ten proposals for Engineering Services. This will be brought to Committee when the review is complete.

The Manager provided a sample of letters being sent to residents on the Mound Street alley to advise them of the City's survey results.

Administrative Services: Ms. Hinnners reported that the Committee met on December 12, 2005. Appropriation changes are needed to the 2005 Budget. The Finance Director informed the Committee that he would be submitting an Amendment to the Estimated Resources for 2005 to the Clermont County Budget Commission. This is required at the end of each fiscal year to reduce estimated resources when monies will not be received by year end and increase estimated resources when additional monies above the original estimates have been received. Approval of the Temporary Budget for 2006 is also needed. This budget will cover the expenses of the City for the first quarter of 2006 until the permanent budget for 2006 is adopted by March 31, 2006. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, second by Mr. Gradolf to draft an ordinance authorizing the appropriation change to the 2005 budget. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, second by Mr. Kolb to draft an Ordinance authorizing the approval and acceptance of the Temporary Budget for 2006. All voted yes.

Safety Services: Mr. Reynolds reported that the Committee met on December 12, 2005. Chief Cooper presented the Fire/EMS contracts for Council approval. Included in the contracts are monies for a new ladder truck to be replaced in 2006. The approximate cost will be \$600,000, and has been budgeted for replacement. Chief Cooper also stated the EMS Levy expires in 2005 and will be given to voters in May 2006 for replacement levy. The Committee agreed to draft an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Milford Community Fire Department for fire protection services in the amount of \$775,000. Mr. Reynolds made the motion, second by Mr. Kolb. All voted yes. The Committee also agreed to draft an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Milford Community Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$755,000. Mr. Reynolds made the motion, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

Community Development: Mr. Antell reported that the Committee met on December 12, 2005. Mr. Antell stated that Mr. Wright informed the Committee that a meeting of the Downtown Task Force would take place on December 15th to finalize the business plan portion of the project. More money may need to be appropriated by Council in early 2006 for the City's portion of the contract with Cross Management Consulting Service. The grant recently awarded from CINergy will be received at the completion of the business plan.

Mr. Wright distributed to the Committee a petition signed by the merchants of the Kroger strip center asking for a revision to the sign portion of the Zoning Ordinance that restricts the use of portable signs to a total of three, fourteen day periods per year. Mr. Wright explained that to change the Ordinance a formal

text change application should be submitted and would be voted on by the Planning Commission and Council for the Zoning Ordinance to be amended.

Mr. Antell explained that the request from Fountain Specialist to permit the display of ornamental urns on the public sidewalk overnight along Main Street would be discussed by Committee following feedback from OMMA members.

Mr. Wright informed the Committee that a memorandum of understanding regarding the Clermont Lumber site development is being prepared for the City and should be received prior to the Council meeting to be considered by a Committee of the Whole. A lengthy discussion was held among Council members concerning this memorandum. Mr. Antell questioned that no dollar amounts were mentioned, only estimates. Mr. Reynolds disagreed with the structure of the memorandum. Discussion continued among Council members with Mr. Kolb explaining that it was not a binding agreement and that the project was self-supporting.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Service Department reports that the Mohawk Signal replacement Project will begin during the spring of 2006. Bids will be accepted for the Powhatton Stormwater Project in late January with construction to begin in the spring of 2006. Christmas trees will be collected from January 4th through January 25th.

Construction of the Wastewater Plant expansion will begin in February 2006. The Water Department had a break in a 6" line affecting homes on Oakcrest, Valleyview and Promont Court. There was also a hydrant leak on Garfield. The Clearwell design has been submitted to the OEPA for a permit to install. This should be bid the first quarter of 2006.

Garbage stickers will be mailed on January 19, 2006 and the Newsletter deadline is January 15, 2006.

Committee Meetings

Public Services	Wednesday, January 4, 2006	6:30 p.m.
Community Dev.	Thursday, January 12, 2006	7:00 p.m.

Reminders

Parks & Recreation	Monday, January 9, 2006	5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, January 11, 2006	6:00 p.m.
Citizen's Housing	Monday, January 16, 2006	7:00 p.m.

Police Department: Chief Machan reported that a counterfeiter was apprehended at Save-A-Lot store. The Department along with Hamilton County will participate in the don't drink and drive on New Year's Eve. Free cab rides will be available to those who have had too much to drink.

Fire Department/EMS: Chief Cooper distributed the monthly report to Council. The Chief thanked Council for their contract and support. He also gave a brief description of the new ladder truck that will be purchased. He stated that one squad is now in service. The old squads were sold to the City of Lebanon for \$25,000 each. Santa Sunday was held last Sunday with the Department handing out treats to residents.

Comments: Law Director, Michael Minniear expressed his thanks and gratitude to Mr. Gradolf for his service as a Council member and Vice-Mayor.

Karen Huff from the Chamber of Commerce thanked the people who supported the Taste of Christmas and for the Promont Luncheon. Ms. Huff presented Vice-Mayor Gradolf with a print of the Korner Barbershop in appreciation for his tenure as a Council member. The print was signed by many of Mr. Gradolf's friends. Mr. Gradolf expressed his thanks to the Chamber for the gift.

Mark Sund, President of OMMA gave a report on Hometown Holidays. He stated some changes would be made for next year, although things went well this year. He thanked Karen Huff, Jane Smith from Row House, John Cooper and the Fire Department, the Police Department and the City's Service Department for all their help. Mayor Bishop thanked Mr. Sund for doing a great job for OMMA.

Barbara Antell announced that there will be a reception for Mr. Gradolf following the Council meeting.

Old Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

- 05-500 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 03-338 to Revise the Boundaries of the TIF Area; and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, second by Mr. Kolb. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Gradolf. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Gradolf made the motion to adopt, second by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Kolb, Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds.
- 05-501 An Ordinance providing for the construction of Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements within The City by creating a Tax Increment Financing Area. Mr. Gradolf made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, second by Mr. Kolb. Voting yes: Mr. Antell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Gradolf, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Kolb. Voting no: Mr. Reynolds.

New Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

- 05-495 An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Milford Community Fire Department for Fire Protection services in the amount of \$775,000. Mr. Kolb made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. Mr. Antell made the motion to adopt, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.
- 05-496 An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Milford Community Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$755,000. Mr. Antell made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, second by Mr. Kolb. All voted yes. Mr. Gradolf made the motion to adopt, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.
- 05-497 An Ordinance authorizing the appropriation change to the 2005 Budget. Ms. Hinnners made the Motion to adopt, second by Mr. Kolb. All voted yes.
- 05-498 An Ordinance authorizing the approval and acceptance of the Temporary Budget for 2006. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, second by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.
- 05-499 An Ordinance authorizing a contract with Clermont County and payment to Rumpke under the Contract for Hauling Sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Gradolf made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. Mr. Gradolf made the motion to adopt, second by Mr. Reynolds. All voted yes.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Antell, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk of Council

Lou Bishop, Mayor