

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on, January 17, 2006 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, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinners, Mr. Antell, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Kolb and Vice-Mayor McBeath.

Minutes: Mr. Antell made a motion, second by Mr. Kolb to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the January 3, 2006 meeting. All voted yes. Mr. Reynolds made a motion that the minutes of the December 20, 2005 meeting be adopted as corrected, second by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Correspondence: The Clerk presented a request for a transfer of a D5I and D6 permit from Cactus Roadhouse (DBA) Texas Roadhouse to Texas Roadhouse. Mr. Reynolds made a motion, second by Mr. Antell that a hearing was not needed for this request. All voted yes.

Financial Statements: The Clerk requested a motion to accept and approve the following financial statements; Allocations of Collections – Income Tax (Dec. 2005), Reconciliation of City Funds (Dec. 2005), Statement of Cash (Dec. 30, 2005), Bank Report (December 30, 2005), Revenue Report (Dec. 30, 2005), Expense Account Report (Dec. 30, 2005) and Schedule of Investments and Interest (Dec. 2005). Mr. Antell made the motion, second by Mr. Kolb to accept and approve the financial statements. All voted yes.

Oath of Office: Mayor Bishop administered the Oath of Office to Vanessa Hannah as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services. Ms. Brewer reported that the Committee met on January 4, 2006. Present at the meeting was Committee members Ms. Brewer, Mr. Kolb and Mr. Reynolds. Also present were City Manager Rokey, Carol Royer, Wastewater Supervisor, Dan Sarbach, Water Plant Supervision and consultants Brent Tippey and Tom Schaffer from Quest Engineering. Present in the audience was Lou Bishop, John Aufdenkampe and Jim Gradolf.

The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the Water and Wastewater rate studies completed for the City by Quest Engineering. The Quest Engineers, Mr. Tippey and Mr. Schaffer presented the results and recommendations of the study. Several tables were discussed. The Manager noted that the last rate increase in 1998 was projected to last five years, but has fortunately lasted seven years. The preliminary recommendation in each study is to increase water rates by 12% and wastewater rates by 10%. Another alternative would be to stagger rate increases over the next three years. Staff agreed to provide a second review of the operating and capital budget assumptions to insure that the inflationary increases in the budget and associated line items were reasonable. It was agreed that a rate increase is warranted and necessary in order to maintain balances, operating budgets and to further capital projects, however, the recommended rate increases require further review and discussion. Ms. Brewer recommended that staff complete their review and that any additional feedback be provided to the consultants.

Administrative Services: No report

Safety Services: No report

Community Development: Mr. Antell reported that the Committee met on January 12, 2006. Mr. Antell reported that this was a joint meeting with members of the Milford/Miami Township Chamber of Commerce, The Old Milford Merchants Association and the Downtown Milford Revitalization Task Force. Mr. Antell thanked those members attending. Don Ackermann introduced Jim Buckner, the consultant for the Task Force who worked with the Task Force on the strategic and business plan outlines. Mr. Buckner stated that prior to forming the outlines of the plans, responses of focus group representing property owners, business owners, and civic organizations were analyzed. Mr. Buckner also shared that the grant from the CINergy Foundation is a major achievement as it gives validity to the effort and process. Mr. Buckner said that the task force has recognized the necessity of applying the same efforts as it does to the downtown to the other three economic corridors of the City. S.R. 28, the core of Lila and Main and Rivers Edge. The plan shall be repeatable, reasonable, measurable, and achievable. Discussion also involved a plan for the initial task force to evolve into the Greater Milford Development Advisory Committee to function as an operating group of the Milford Miami Township Chamber. A function of that Committee would be to oversee a staff person who would work out of the chamber office and carry out the task identified by the GMDAC. Upon receiving support from City Council, the MMTCC Board of Directors, and OMMA, the Greater Milford Development Advisory Committee will continue fundraising efforts with the private sector, public sector, and foundations and complete the business plan so momentum can turn into action.

Amy Brewer will be the Council representative and Jim Gradolf will be the citizen representative. Mr. Antell thanked Mr. Wright for taking care of some illegal signs in the City. He reminded citizens of the Meet the Council at Latitudes on January 24th. Mr. Antell made a motion for an Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate purposes immediately after the Council meeting. Motion second by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reminded Council of the Ohio Municipal League's newsletter with a list of all the bills before the House. There are several that will affect Cities such as Milford. The most prominent is the residency bill concerning city employees. Ms. Rokey reported that the Street Department has completed leaf pick-up and all curbed streets have been swept. The Department will pick up Christmas trees until January 25th. The garbage stickers and flyer for the first quarter of 2006 will be mailed on January 29th.

Committee Meetings

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| Community Dev. | Monday, January 30, 2006 | 5:30 p.m. |
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Reminders

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| Planning Commission | Monday, February 6, 2006 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Parks & Recreation | Monday, February 13, 2006 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Citizens' Housing | Monday, February 20, 2006 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Office closed | Monday, February 20, 2006 | |
| Salute to Leaders | Thursday, February 23, 2006 | 5-8 p.m. |

Police Department: No report

Fire Department/EMS: Chief Cooper distributed the Monthly Fire/EMS report to Council. He said that the progress for the new ladder truck is continuing.

Comments: Kim McBeath wished Johnny Vilardo a Happy Birthday. Mr. Bob Turner, a Miami Township resident, spoke to Council about creating a Founder's Day celebration for the City of Milford. He stated that Milford was actually founded on January 17, 1806. A discussion was held among Council members and this will be referred to the Community Development Committee.

Old Business: None
Ordinances and Resolutions

New Business: None
Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m. to go into Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate purposes. Ms Hinnners made the motion, second by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. with a motion to adjourn from Mr. Reynolds, second by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk of Council

Lou Bishop, Mayor