

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Mayor McBeath called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor McBeath, Vice Mayor Hinnners, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hawkins, and Ms. Brewer.

Minutes: Mr. Antell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinnners to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes of April 3, 2007. All voted yes.

Correspondence: None

Financial Statements: The Clerk asked for a motion to accept and approve the Schedule of Investments and Interest for March 2007. Mr. Antell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Proclamations: Mayor McBeath presented proclamations to Craig Kolb for his years of service as Mayor and Council Member. Mr. Kolb was also presented with the Key to the City of Milford. A proclamation was also presented to Carol Woerner for her 26 years as Tax Administrator for the City. The Mayor read a proclamation announcing May 18th and 19th as Poppy Days in the City of Milford. Mr. Kolb thanked the City and stated it was an honor and a privilege to be a Council Member and Mayor. Former Council member and Mayor, Lou Bishop thanked Mr. Kolb for his unique qualities and his expertise that he brought as a Council member and Mayor.

Presentation by Council Candidates: Three letters of Intent were received from interested persons for the vacant Council seat. Goeff Pitmann, Susanne Stagg and Ralph Vilardo, Jr. Each candidate gave a brief introductory presentation on their qualifications and reason for applying for the vacancy. After the presentations Mayor McBeath requested that Law Director, Michael Minniear read the City Charter section on the procedure for filling a Council seat. After this was done, Mr. Minniear then proceeded with the selection by Council Members. Mr. Minniear stated that after three votes with no majority the Mayor would then appoint a candidate.

Selection of New Council Member: Mayor McBeath asked for nominations of candidates for the vacant seat. Mr. Antell made the motion to nominate all three candidates, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes. Ballots were distributed to the Council members for their selection. The first vote was one vote for Mr. Pitmann, three votes for Ms. Stagg and 2 votes for Mr. Vilardo. The seconded voted was three votes for Ms. Stagg and three votes for Mr. Vilardo. The third voted was also three votes for Ms. Stagg and three votes for Mr. Vilardo. At this time since no candidate received a majority vote Mayor McBeath was required to appoint one of the candidates. Mayor McBeath stated that all three candidates were qualified and her choice was a difficult one to make. After thought and consideration Mayor McBeath appointed Ralph Vilardo, Jr. as the new Council member. Mr. Vilardo presented his resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Minniear gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Vilardo and he assumed his seat as a member of Milford City Council.

Mayor McBeath announced some changes in committees. She assigned Bryan Hawkins to the Community Development Committee and Mr. Vilardo to the Administrative Services Committee and the Public Services Committee.

Mayor McBeath announced that at the Yellow Ribbon FundRaiser dinner the City won a special prize. This was a teddy bear that was made especially for the Yellow Ribbon Organization. The bears were made in a limited quantity to be used as a fund raising opportunity. Ms. McBeath suggested that the bear be given to the Milford Fire Department to be auctioned at the fundraiser for Corey Nickells that will be held in August. Council agreed with a voice vote, with all voting yes.

Comments: Karen Huff of the Milford/Miami Township Chamber of Commerce presented a letter of Commendation to Craig Kolb in honor of his years of service to the City of Milford. Mr. Kolb responded to the Chamber with his appreciation for the letter.

Ms. Huff announced that the Dinner of Excellence would be held on April 25th.

Ms. Hinnners stated that the annual Day of Prayer Service would be held on May 3rd in front of City Hall.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: None

Administrative Services: Ms. Hinnners reported that the Committee met on April 4, 2007. Members present were Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. McBeath. Staff present was City Manager Rokey. The Manager provided information from the Finance Director requesting appropriation changes related to Wastewater debt and principal payments omitted from the original budget. This is annually paid from Wastewater Capital Funds. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance Amending Appropriations Ordinance 07-575. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell and Mr. Hawkins: Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo.

The Manager provided a copy of the Ordinance drafted by Walter Drane Company for the Codification of City Ordinances. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Milford, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo.

The Manager provided job descriptions related to Water and Wastewater Positions. The Committee agreed to draft an Ordinance Amending the Job Descriptions for Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Water Operator, Water Operator I, II, III and Wastewater Treatment Plan Supervisor, Wastewater Operator, Wastewater Operator I, II, III removing "valid Ohio Commercial Driver's License with appropriate endorsements (may be obtained within three (3) months of date of hire)" and replacing it with "valid Ohio Driver's License." Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo.

The Manager noted that there are manning levels that should be adopted by ordinance indicating the number of positions authorized per department. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance Establishing Manning Levels for all positions in the City of Milford. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo.

The Committee was provided a copy of the tentative agreement, which has not yet been acted upon by the union. This must be considered at the next meeting of City Council. The Committee agreed to make a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the details of the proposed union contract immediately following the next meeting of City Council. Mr. Hinnners made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel reasons immediately following the Council meeting. Voting yes: Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo.

Safety Services: Mr. Hunter reported that the Committee met on April 10, 2007. Members present were: Mr. Hunter and Ms. Hinnners. Mr. Antell was excused for his absence. Staff Present: Chief Cooper, Chief Machan and Police Officer Megan Bovenzi.

The Committee discussed authorization for the purchase of a police vehicle. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance for the purchase of the police cruiser from Kerry Dodge in the amount of \$24,267.00. Mr. Hunter made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell and Mr. Hawkins. Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo.

The Committee briefly discussed the South Milford Community issues that came from a crime watch meeting held on March 25th. The paintball issue has yet to be solved. Officer Bovenzi will be meeting with Mr. Tom Wagner and several South Milford residents on April 13th to discuss strategies for concerns due to a disorderly issue on Laurel Ave.

Bus stops and speeding complaints on Center St. were also mentioned. The citizens speed complaint program will be forthcoming in the future through the City Newsletter.

The Committee discussed the Milford Community Fire Department concerns over intersection improvements. Chief Cooper passed out documents of correspondence with City Manager Rokey and Chief Cooper, Memo of Understanding from Scott Knebel of LJB Phase II, LJB Laurence A. Sack, PE sight distance study with attached maps and numerical charts, and LJB Laurence Sack, PE Milford parkway and Chamber Drive summary response. Chief Cooper believes there is a need to address safety concerns for his vehicles. His concern is for responding units maneuvering larger trucks though intersections left of center and safety for traffic. Chief Cooper has concerns about the turning radius at intersections. He would like the City to think "outside the box" in accordance with the Milford Community needs. LJB uses the Ohio Uniform Traffic Manual to sterily address intersections. Vehicle stacking and traffic flow is taking precedence over intersection maneuverability in emergency runs. Chief Cooper advises that intersections are too tight for larger truck response. The intersection of US 50 and Cemetery Rd. is a safety issue. He said Mound and Mill have sight issues. SR 28 and Castleberry Ct. were also discussed.

However, the overall discussion focused on the Parkway and Riversedge. The Committee was in agreement that fire and police attend analysis and planning meetings. More discussion was held on Milford Parkway, removal of Target Island, temporary striping, turn lanes and crosswalks. Issues of liability were discussed.

Mr. Hunter stated that we need to evaluate how much more we need to be involved in intersection design. He also raised concern over the quality of the consulting. He referenced the Castleberry Court intersection and the Parkway intersection.

Mr. Hunter proposed two potential solutions: Eliminate left turn arrow, or equip the Fire Department vehicles with electronic intersection override devices. Mr. Hunter advises against placing the City in a position of liability for changes to LJB recommendations. Chief Cooper wished to be on record about turning radius and left of center issues if changes do not happen to LJB recommendations. Discussion continued. Mr. Hunter advises if the intersection issue comes to inconvenience drives verses safety of safety vehicles, we should do everything in our power to ensure the safety of the safety vehicles.

The Committee agreed to raise the issues discussed with Law Director, Michael Minniear and seek his legal advise.

Community Development: No Report. Mr. Antell announced that the South Milford Artisans would hold their annual show at the Gatch Farm on May 5th and 6th.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department has hired two seasonal workers. Brush pickup continues on Wednesdays. The new split rail fence has been installed at Carriage Way Park and Garfield Parks. Community service workers are working with weed control and berm maintenance in the Cemetery. The Service Departments new tractor will be delivered this week and the new vac-all will be delivered the second week in June.

Construction continues at the Wastewater Plant. The department has been testing difference polymers for dewatering. This could result in a cost savings of chemicals and hauling fees.

The Water Department reported an incident of rust colored water on High St., Cleveland, Garfield, Mill and Main Sts. It was back to normal within two hours.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Department will mail the garbage stickers on April 19th.

The Parks & Recreation Committee announced that the Arbor Day ceremony would be held at Pattison Elementary School on Friday, April 27th at 2:30 p.m.

The Garfield Shelter House is available for reservations. Reservations can be made by calling City Hall. City Manager Rokey asked for a Council Voice Vote approving the appointment of Bryan Hawkins to the Planning Commission. Voting yes: Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining: Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Vilardo.'

Our Town Crier, Bill Knepp has been invited to attend the Tulip Festival in Holland Michigan. He will represent the City, Miami Township and Clermont County.

Committee Meetings

Community Dev.	Monday, April 23, 2007	6:00 p.m.
Public Services	Monday, April 23, 2007	6:30 p.m.

Reminders

Row House Event	Fri. & Sat. April 20 th & 21 st	6-8 p.m.
Spring Litter Pick-Up	Saturday, April 21, 2007	9-12 a.m.
Dinner of Excellence	Wednesday, April 25, 2007 (Oasis)	5:30 p.m.
Bd. of Zoning Appeals	Thursday, April 26, 2007	7:00 p.m.
River Sweep	Saturday, April 28, 2007	9-12 a.m.
Spring Blood Drive	Wednesday, May 2, 2007 (Methodist Church)	2-4 & 5-8
S. Milford Artisan Show	Sat. & Sun. May 5 th & 6 th (Arrowhead Farm)	
Little Miami Inc. Dinner	Wednesday, May 9, 2007	5:30 p.m.
City Wide Yard Sale	Friday-Sunday, May 18 th -May-19 th	
"Best of the Bottoms"	Friday, June 15 th Krippendorf Lodge – Nature Center	
Super Senior Saturday	May 19, 2007	10-2
Police Appreciation Banquet	Thursday, May 24, 2007 (Holiday Inn)	6:30 p.m.
Office closed	Monday, May 28, 2007 (Memorial Day)	
Frontier Days	May 31, June 1, 2 and 3	

Police Department: Chief Machan distributed the Monthly Police Report to Council. The Chief gave an update on several incidents within the City, including vandalism at the Wastewater Plant and stolen credit cards being used at Office Depot. He also said that the Department would be meeting with school officials concerning bus stop behavior.

Fire Department: Chief Cooper distributed the monthly Fire Department/EMS Report to Council. Chief Cooper stated that it was an honor to have Ralph Vilardo, Jr. as a Council member. Ralph was a member of the Milford Fire Department for many years and was an involved member of the Department. The Chief announced that on Sunday, April 22nd the Thursday Senior Group would hold an Open House at the Fire Station so that citizens could view the new fire truck. The Chief gave an update on Corey Nickells who at this time is still doing well. There will be a Thundering Hearts Ride on May 19 and Hockey Games on May 18th benefiting Corey.

Comments: Mr. Antell welcomed Mr. Vilardo to the Milford City Council. Mr. Minniear spoke in appreciation of Craig Kolb for his years as a Council member and Mayor. He stated that Mr. Kolb used his expertise on many projects accomplished for our City, never seeking recognition or praise. Our City will greatly miss him.

New Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

07-584 An Ordinance approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Milford, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, and Mr. Hawkins. Abstaining: Mr. Vilardo.

- 07-585 An Ordinance Amending Appropriations Ordinance 07-575. Mr. Antell made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hunter. Voting yes: Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Hunter. Abstaining: Mr. Vilaro.
- 07-586 An Ordinance Authorizing the purchase of one police cruiser from Kerry Dodge in the amount of \$24,267.00. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, and Mr. Hawkins. Abstaining: Mr. Vilaro. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining: Mr. Vilaro.
- 07-587 An Ordinance Amending Job Descriptions for the Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Water Operator, Water Operator I, II, III and Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, Wastewater Operator, Wastewater Operator I, II, III removing “valid Ohio commercial Driver’s License with Appropriate endorsement (May be obtained within three (3) months of date of hire) and replacing it with “valid Ohio Driver’s License.” Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Brewer. Voting yes: Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners and Ms. McBeath. Abstaining: Mr. Vilaro. Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Antell. Voting yes: Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining: Mr. Vilaro.
- 07-588 An Ordinance Establishing Manning Levels for all positions in the City of Milford. Mr. Antell made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. Voting yes: Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining: Mr. Vilaro. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Brewer. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Mr. Vilaro.

Old Business: None
Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn: The meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session for Personnel reasons with a motion by Mr. Antell, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a motion to return to Regular Session by Mr. Antell, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. The Regular Session of Council was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a motion by Ms. McBeath, seconded by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Kimberly McBeath, Mayor