

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, July 3, 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, and Mr. Vilardo. Absent: Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Hunter. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Antell to excuse Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Hunter. All voted yes.

**Minutes:** Mr. Antell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinnners to waive the reading and approve the minutes of June 19, 2007. All voted yes.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk announced that the Tax Budget Public Hearing was held at 4:00 p.m. today. She also announced that the Duke Energy Sustainability Report was available for viewing by Council members.

**Financial Statements:** The Clerk asked for a motion to accept and approve the City of Milford, Clermont County Basic Financial Statements. Mr. Vilardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.

**Comments:** None

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Services:** None

**Administrative Services:** Ms. Hinnners reported that the Committee met on June 26, 2007. Members Present: Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Vilardo and Mr. Hawkins. Staff Present: City Manager Rokey and Finance Director Harry Steger.

Mr. Steger provided a draft copy of the tax budget, which must be sent to the budget commission by July 20<sup>th</sup>. A hearing will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. as is required by law. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft a Resolution Adopting the Tax Budget for 2008. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Antell. All voted yes.

City Manager Rokey attended a meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding the formula for distribution of local government funds. The alternative formula must also be adopted by the end of the month. Milford and several villages provided a counterproposal at 70% that was not weighted toward population growth in future years. This would provide stability and critical funds for several smaller villages and townships that rely on them for over 50% of their revenues. A compromise was reached at 66% over the next five-year period. The Manager and Finance Director recommended that the committee propose to accept the alternative formula proposed for local government and revenue assistance fund distributions. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing the adoption of an Alternative Method of Apportionment of the Undivided Local Government and Local Government Revenue Assistance Funds. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes.

The Finance Director provided information regarding our current health insurance renewal and alternative plans being reviewed including Health Reimbursement Accounts associated with high deductible plans. Our current plan has seen significantly more paid out in claims than collected in premiums. Although we are in the Center for Local Government pool, we have been placed in the highest rating tier. United Health Care wants to increase our rates 46.9% to maintain our current plan. The City's budget is only prepared to accept a 10% increase in rates. More information will be copied to Council when available.

The Manager reminded the Committee that it is time for her performance evaluation and compensation review. A list of her goals and accomplishments was provided and she will obtain wage comparison data from the Center for Local Government. Bryan Hawkins agreed to be the point person to receive Council feedback regarding the evaluation process.

**Safety Services:** No Report

**Community Development:** No Report

**City Manager's Report:** City Manager Rokey reported that the Finance Department distributed The 2006 Basic Financial Statements to Council Members and Department Heads.

The Street/Service Department continues to pick-up brush, sweep streets and the usual upkeep of city properties. They were busy preparing Greenlawn Cemetery for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The Wastewater Phase II project is in its final days. A 'punch list' is being developed to complete the project. The bid advertisement is out for the Combined Sewer Overflow and bids are due July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Water Department passed the latest round of EPA mandated Lead and Copper testing. All 20 sampling sites were below the action level. Next year Milford will be on normal lead and copper sampling which consists of 40 sites once every three years.

Milford's Consumer Confidence Report for 2006 was sent to residents last week.

A six-inch main break was repaired on June 27<sup>th</sup> between Mohawk and Happy Hollow.

The Parks & Recreation Commission remind residents to water their trees during the extreme summer heat.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Department wants residents to remember to use one blue sticker on each 4-foot bundle of carpet, paneling, wood, etc. to insure that Rumpke picks up these materials. Garbage stickers will be mailed on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

In other business, Sharefest volunteers did wonderful work in our community last weekend. They worked in Carriage Way Park cleaning up the cemetery, cleaning and painting the fence. They also cleaned up the police annex, inside and out and also planted some flowers. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Farmers Market is now open in the parking lot by the Milford Greenhouse.

Articles for the Fall Newsletter should be submitted by July 20<sup>th</sup> to allow for printing and distribution. On Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> Council Chambers will be used a voting location making it necessary for Council to meet on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Committee Meetings**

Public Services	Monday, July 16, 2007	9:00 a.m.
<b>Reminders</b>		
Planning Commission	Wednesday, July 11, 2007	6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday, July 16, 2007	5:30 p.m.
Community "Shred-it"	Saturday, July 28, 2007 (Wal-Mart)	10-2:00
Clermont Philharmonic	Sunday, August 19, 2007 (Sem-Villa)	7:00 p.m.
Suffragist Event	Tuesday, August 28, 2007 (Receptions)	5:15 p.m.
City Offices Closed	Wednesday, July 4, 2007	

**Police Department:** Sgt. Jamie Mills distributed the Department's Annual Report. He stated that there was a typo on pg. 31 which he corrected. Sgt. Mills announced that Sgt. Ray Butler has retired with 29 years of service with Milford and a total of 37 years in Police work.

Sgt. Mills thanked Sharefest for the work they did on the Police Annex Building and grounds.

**Fire Department:** No Report

**Comments:** None

#### **New Business**

- 07-534 A Resolution Adopting the Tax Budget for 2008. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.
- 07-607 An Ordinance Authorizing Adoption of an Alternative Method of Apportionment of the Undivided Local Government Revenue Assistance Funds and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Antell. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes.

#### **Old Business:**

Ordinances and Resolutions

- 07-608 An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of the Purchase Agreement with Queen of Angels Montessori School and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Antell. All voted yes. Mr. Antell made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a motion from Ms. Hinnners, seconded by Mr. Antell. All voted yes.

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Joanne Trilety, Clerk

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Kimberly McBeath, Mayor