

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, October 2, 2007. Vice-Mayor Hinners called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present – Vice-Mayor Hinners, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Vilardo, and Ms. Brewer. Absent: Mayor McBeath. Ms. Hinners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Antell to excuse Mayor McBeath. All voted yes.

Minutes: Mr. Antell made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the Minutes of the September 18, 2007 Council meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Mr. David Katkin commending Doug Aufdenkampe, owner of the Olde Milford Barber Shoppe and Keith Burkhart, Manager of Skyline Chile for their kindness in helping him during a breakdown of his car.

Financial Statements: None

Comments: Mr. William Knepp gave an update on events that will take place during the Town Criers Convention that will be held in November. There will be a dinner reception, a competition of Town Criers and a Tour of historic Clermont County. There will be Town Criers from all over the world participating in the event.

Suzanne Stagg announced that The Friday Night Shop Hop will be this Friday. The Buskers Festival will be held on Saturday with 25 Buskers in attendance. The American Legion will also be having a Chili Challenge Cook-Off this weekend. She also stated that a new restaurant, Tattie's has opened in Old Milford.

Karen Huff from the Milford/Miami Township Chamber of Commerce said that South Milford has been named one of the top 10 communities in the area. Also, the Chambers Fall Classic will be held October 15th at the Oasis. The Cover Awards Dinner will be on November 8th. The Arbors Nursing Home will host Trick or Treat on October 27th. Many of the residents will participate in handing out treats to children. The South Milford Artisans will also be on October 27th. Ms. Huff also mentioned the new restaurant, Taddie's on Main St.

Amy Brewer announced that Valley View would have their Annual fundraiser on Sunday, October 7th at 4:00 p.m. on the Valley View property.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: Ms. Brewer reported that the Committee met on September 24, 2007. Council members present: Ms. Brewer, Mr. Vilardo and Mr. Hunter. Staff Present: City Manager Rokey, Assistant City Manager Holbrook and Steve Wyan, Zoning Inspector. Also present were Mound Ave. residents, John Peterson, Chris Waldmann and Sam Pschesanag.

The Committee discussed the sidewalk maintenance program and conflicts with tree management. Mr. Peterson stated that he was there to provide background regarding installation of the sidewalks and trees on Mound Ave. In 1992 a major street project occurred on Mound Ave. and the City planted honey locust trees on the tree lawn. Mr. Peterson stated that the City should be responsible for removal of the trees and sidewalk repairs because it was the wrong tree for that application. Ms. Rokey said that there were no City standards or Ordinances for tree planters in 1992 when the trees were planted. Mr. Hunter stated that the current Ordinance could not be used to evaluate a project that was completed in 1992. He noted that Council should look at the process that was in place at that time. He also stated that any decision made regarding this situation would be precedent setting and Council would need to think through the decision carefully.

Mr. Peterson stated that the original project was not completed correctly. Mr. Vilardo stated that no one came forward at the time to indicate the project was not completed correctly. Mr. Hunter stated that it was Mr. Peterson's opinion that the project was not completed correctly. Mr. Hunter noted that he assumes the City acted in good faith based on consultants, contractors, etc. that were involved with the project.

Mr. Waldmann provided pictures to Committee members, which illustrate the tree roots and sidewalk on his property along with pictures of several of his neighbors. Mr. Waldmann does not feel he should have to pay to replace the sidewalk.

Discussion continued among Council members, staff and residents. Mr. Pschesanag requested permission to remove a tree and to receive clarification of how the sidewalk repair program is enforced.

Steve Wyan, Zoning Inspector informed Mr. Pschesanag how the sidewalks were identified with markings. Ms. Brewer noted that this information needs to be included in letters going out to residents. Mr. Pschesanag stated that he understood why his sidewalk was marked, but he could not understand why other sidewalks were not marked. Ms. Rokey said that the City could create a new information packet and process.

Ms. Brewer stated that Council will review this issue and invited residents to attend the next Public Services Committee meeting.

The Committee also discussed the bids for the US 50 drainage project. Ms. Rokey stated that CDP Engineers reviewed the bids and the apparent low bidder was Rauch Excavating. CDP noted that the Rauch bid had minor irregularities and recommended these be addressed before awarding the contract. The

Committee recommended waiting to make a decision once these irregularities have been addressed. Mr. Hunter requested copies of the bids.

The Committee was updated regarding the neighborhood sign at Tree Ridge. Staff is working with the insurance company and the insured in order to resolve this issue.

.Administrative Services: No Report.

Safety Services: Mr. Hunter reported that the Committee met on September 24, 2007. Council members present: David Hunter and Charlene Hinners. Staff present: City Manager Rokey, Chief Mark Machan, and Chief John Cooper. Also present were members of the Milford School Transportation Department and Jim Quatman from the School Board office. Residents from the East Milford neighborhood also attended the meeting.

Mr. Hunter introduced the purpose of the meeting and noted that Mr. Quatman and Margie Wells and Karen Jacobs from the transportation department of the Milford School District were present to answer questions regarding the bus routes or bus stops. Ms. Hinners noted that she would appreciate a second look at the use of the Beechwood Road extension for busing. Mr. Quatman could not respond directly to the issue. There were no further questions from the audience.

Several members of the East Milford Neighborhood spoke regarding their observance of speeders and stop sign violations. They feel the double stop signs; crosswalks and speed signs had a short-term effect. Chief Machan provided an update of the speed enforcement measures conducted in this area over the last quarter. The speed data collected was also questioned due to the location of the monitors. Mr. Hunter directed Chief Machan to collect speed data on Center and Forest in a mid-block location with the speed unit in "stealth" mode for one week for comparison data. Noise issues were also discussed. The Committee noted that we have existing noise ordinances but when the noise happens late at night it is hard to catch the individuals.

Amy Brewer spoke from the audience and noted that speeding is a reality and it is time to respond with tangible solutions. Even though the police are doing what they can new solutions need to be explored. Mr. Hunter noted that there were several methods to calm traffic besides speed humps, which are a concern of the Fire and Street personnel. He recommended that we request professional services from Brandstetter Carroll, recently selected traffic engineers, to review current data and advise the City on alternatives for traffic calming methods to respond to these concerns. They should also be directed to seek citizen input as part of the process and help us develop a traffic calming policy that can be used to respond to complaints in all neighborhoods. The Manager will prepare a request for services from Bandstetter Carroll. Chief Machan had ten citizens attend the neighborhood speed watch program, but no one has actually used the hand-held radar. Vanessa Hannah wanted to stress that this did not indicate a lack of interest or willingness from residents to be part of the solution. Many did not feel comfortable in this "enforcement role." All agreed that the more methods used to deter speeding and other traffic violations, the better.

Community Development: No Report

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey noted that the Finance Department reported that R.I.T.A. sent out 367 subpoenas to current and former Milford residents who had not filed city income tax forms. R.I.T.A. will hold meetings in council chambers for residents concerning the subpoenas.

The Street/Service department reports that A&A has completed street lining. Staff is handling crosswalks and school zones. The department is preparing for Buskerfest and Greenlawn Cemetery tours. Leaf pick-up will begin on October 29th and continue until all leaves are down. Brush pick-up will be on a call-in basis beginning November 1st. Street improvements on Robbie Ridge, Susan Circle, Kenny Court and Cleveland Ave. should be completed by the end of the month.

The Wastewater Departments reports that on Friday, October 12th they will host a cookout and ribbon cutting at the Wastewater plant. The expansion project addressed several environmental issues. The project increased the volume of treatment and it also includes a phosphorous removal system and aeration to improve and protect the health of our receiving stream. Phase II-A of the CSO project was completed a week ahead of schedule.

The Water Department reports that last weekend East Milford residents experienced 'brown water.' 12 hydrants were flushed with no disruption of service. This did not constitute a health hazard or danger of any type. Unauthorized use of water in the riverside vicinity is currently under investigation. Last week EPA provided on-site lab testing. Eric Allen and John Davidson renewed their lab licenses. Don Anderson obtained his first lab license. Both Kevin Mason and Joe Casteel obtained "full" lab licenses, which allow them to provide weekly, monthly and quarterly testing.

Garbage and Recycling report that trash stickers and brochures will be sent out on October 18th.

Manager Rokey reports she will be interviewing potential candidates for the Water Plant Supervisor this week. Pam Lee, of the Utilities Department will assist with the interviews.

The Finance Director position has been advertised in the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Center for Local Government, the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers, the Greater Cincinnati Finance Officers' Association, the Ohio City/County Manager's Association and our own website.

Judy Johnson is planning a 60-year anniversary celebration for *Eric's Beauty Salon*. Her father, Eric Ivers, who is now deceased, started the business in 1947 at the corner of Elm and Main Streets. Open house is scheduled for November 15th – 17th. Staff from the Milford Advertiser will be onsite November 2nd to prepare an article and take pictures of the establishment, patrons and friends.

Council agreed by a Voice Vote with all voting yes that Beggar's Night will be held on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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| Public Services | Monday, October 8, 2007 | 9:00 am. |
| Community Dev. | Monday, October 8, 2007 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Admin. Services | Monday, October 8, 2007 | 5:00 p.m. |

Reminders

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| Friday Shop Hop | Friday, October 5, 2007 | open till 9:00 p.m. |
| Ghost Walks | Every Friday in October | 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. |
| Busker Festival | Saturday, October 6, 2007 | 11:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. |
| Cemetery Tours | Saturday, October 6, 2007 | 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. |
| Citywide Yard Sale | Friday, Oct. 12 th – Sunday, Oct. 14 th | |
| Planning Commission | Wednesday, October 10, 2007 – joint meeting with Council | 6:00 p.m. |
| Citywide Junk days | Friday, Oct. 19 th – Saturday, Oct. 20 th | 8:30 – 3:30 |
| Parks & Recreation | Monday, October 22, 2007 | 5:30 p.m. |
| Board of Zoning Appeals | Thursday, October 25, 2007 | 7:00 p.m. |
| South Milford Artisan | Saturday, October 27, 2007 | 10:00 – 5:00 |
| Election Day | Tuesday, November 6, 2007 | |
| Council | Wednesday, November 7, 2007 | 7:00 p.m. |

Police Department: Chief Machan distributed the department's Activity Analysis report to Council. The Chief announced that a \$500 check was received from Target. Miami Township advised that Price Road would be closed to traffic on October 4th. Chief Machan stated that a letter of recognition was sent to Officer Margret Bovenzi for quick action in administering CPR to a heart attack victim. Her actions allowed the victim to survive a massive heart attack.

Fire Department: Chief Cooper showed the framed print of the Wizard of Oz that will be raffled as a fundraiser for Corey. Raffle tickets may be purchased from the Department or Row House. He announced that next week will be Fire Prevention Week. On October 9th the firemen will be at Lady Bug Nursery School and Pattison Elementary. Open House at the fire station will be held on October 10th.

Comments:

Bill Knepp announced that the Town Crier events would all be open to the public. Tickets may be purchased by calling 248-1130.

Ms. Hinnners stated that she attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Miami Township wastewater plant.

New Business – None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Old Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

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

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Kimberly McBeath, Mayor