

The Council of the City of Milford met in Special Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on July 22, 2008.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Hunter, Vice-Mayor Hinnners, Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Pschesang. Mr. Vilardo called that he would be late because of traffic congestion. Ms. Hinnners made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins to excuse Mr. Vilardo being late. All voted yes.

Mayor Hunter explained the protocol of the meeting. He stated that Resolutions 08-541 and 08-542 along with Ordinances 08-692 and 08-694 would be voted upon, then each Council member would be asked to give a brief statement concerning the garbage issue. After Council statements each audience member will be given five minutes if they wish to address Council. At that time Council will move to Executive Session.

Legislation to be Drafted and Approved

- 8.542 A Resolution Approving the Tax Budget for the City of Milford, Ohio for the year 2009. Ms. McBeath made the motion to draft, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes. Ms. McBeath Made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.
- 8.543 A Resolution Authorizing submittal of an Application o OPWC for the Garfield Force Main. Ms. McBeath made the motion to draft, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.
- 8.692 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Milford, Ohio and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing Milford Patrol Officer and Clerks. Ms. McBeath made the motion to draft, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.
- 8.693 An Ordinance Establishing the Pay Scale for Adopting Regulations for Sergeants for the Milford Police Department. Ms. McBeath made the motion to draft, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes. Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. Ms. McBeath made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Mayor Hunter acknowledged that Mr. Vilardo was present at 7:25 p.m. He was informed that he had been excused for the lateness.

The Mayor stated that the last three Ordinances involving the solid waste contract would be discussed. At the last Council meeting a preliminary discussion was held and the Ordinances were drafted. The Ordinances were for the unlimited solid waste contract. The other option was to continue with the volume waste. Which ever option that is chosen there will be an increase in cost. Mayor Hunter asked each Council member to give a statement about the issue. He also asked any of those in the audience that would like to speak that they might do so. He asked that those speaking limit their remarks to five minutes.

Mr. Vilardo said there have been many letters for both the unlimited and volume based collection. The majority is in favor of the unlimited as long as the recycling continues.

Ms. Brewer stated that she did her own informal survey of her neighbors and friends. Again, most were in favor of the unlimited collection with recycling.

Mr. Hawkins said that he was disturbed that Rumpke has not provided a better opportunity for the volume-based program. With the difference in price he thinks it would be in their benefit to push for volume based so that they could reduce the amount of their landfills. Mr. Hawkins said he agrees with what Mr. Vilardo and Ms. Brewer stated.

Mr. Hunter said that he has many concerns about the additional cost and the recycling. He said that there is no clear answer.

Ms. McBeath said she is concerned with areas such as the shopping centers and condos. She doesn't think that those on fixed incomes and seniors should have to pay an additional cost.

Ms. Hinners stated she has concerns that landlords will increase the rent on their units. Most apartments consist of four or more units and with the fee of \$1.25 per unit per month will certainly increase apartment rent.

Mr. Pschesang said he believes the unlimited garbage distributes more evenly the volume of garbage. He said that some people have drawers full of stickers and some run to Krogers to buy stickers. He feels that stickers are not an incentive to reduce garbage. If you want to reduce volume, then pay them, not force them. This is a democracy not a dictatorship.

Ms. Brewer commented that homeowners on vacation or forgot to put out their garbage usually have a garage full of smelly garbage and it is a nuisance factor buying stickers. Several Council members discussed that some condos and gated communities have their own garbage system.

Members of the audience were asked to speak if they wished to do so.

Rachelle Rapp-Dickersen, resident, said she appreciated the discussions. She said she would like to see Rumpke come back with better options than a sticker. She is concerned that unlimited volume will discourage recycling. There are many things residents can do to recycle, such as composting and using rain barrels. If we do go to unlimited volume she is afraid many residents will just throw everything away. The City could do other things to show that we are green besides recycling. The City should continue to be a Tree City but how are we going to replace the many trees that have cut down or damaged in storms. Ms. Rapp-Dickersen had many suggestions concerning things that could be done for our City.

A discussion was held between several Council members concerning fees for seniors and retirees and more centers for recycling. Tom Turchiano from Rumpke stated that larger bins would be provided by Rumpke to encourage more recycling. He also said that there are incentive programs for recycling in other communities. Rumpke will give tours of their recycling plant and he invited Council to attend.

Jennifer Liles had questions concerning yard waste and brush pick-up. She asked Ms. Brewer if this service would continue. Ms. Brewer said there would be no yard waste stickers but yard waste would be picked up. The brush pick-up will still continue. Ms. Liles said she would suggest not going for a 3-year contract, perhaps a one or two-year contract. She suggested a survey of residents to reevaluate what the citizens have to say after the contract period. Mr. Pschesang commented on the three-year contract. He said the contract encompasses the fact that we are not subject to the fuel surcharge. He was able to lock into an established rate. By having a three-year contract we can do a better job of budgeting. Ms. Liles said that she was disappointed that Rumpke did not offer a lot of choices. We are the customers and can push back a little bit.

Ms. Hinners made the motion to recess into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. Mayor Hunter announced a five-minute recess before the Executive Session. Council will then return to Special Session and continue with the necessary legislation.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

Legislation to be voted upon and approved by Council

8.694 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Rumpke, Inc. for Unlimited Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services. Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. Ms. Hinners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

8.695 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 943 of the Codified Ordinances Regarding Solid Waste Collection, Disposal, and Recycling. Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes. Ms. Hinners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes.

8.696 An Ordinance Establishing a Monthly Service Fee for Garbage Pickup and Recycling and Establishing an Effective Date. Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes. Mr. Vilardo made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

Mayor Hunter asked for a motion to draft an Ordinance for a 3% adjustment for non-union employees. Mr. Vilardo made the motion, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Mayor Hunter asked for a motion to draft an Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to allocate \$35,000 for merit pay increases for non-union staff. Ms. McBeath made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Mayor Hunter also asked for a motion Fixing the Compensation of the City Manager at \$92,500 and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement. Mr. Vilardo made the motion, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Special Meeting of Council Ms. McBeath made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

David M. Hunter, Mayor