

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2008. Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Hunter, Vice-Mayor Hinnners, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang and Ms. Brewer.

Remarks from the Mayor: Mayor Hunter announced the Sunflower Run Bike Ride that will be held on September 7th. He also announced the Fall Classic golf event held with Miami Township. The Mayor asked for a motion for an Executive Session for Legal, Personnel and Real Estate Reasons immediately after the Public Comment section on the Agenda. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. Mayor Hunter acknowledged Donna Amann from the Milford Historical Society who will speak during the Public Comment section.

Minutes: Ms. McBeath made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the August 5, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. Voting yes: Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Vilardo, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Hunter. Abstaining: Mr. Pschesang, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Dr. Terry Sky Glendening, a resident, concerning the new unlimited trash pick-up services from Rumpke. Dr. Glendening stated she and some her neighbors were not in favor of the new services and would like answers from Council about the change. The Public Services Commission will be in touch with Dr. Glendening.

Financial Statements: The Clerk asked for a motion to accept and approve the following Financial Statements: The Investment Summary Report; Statements of Unexpended Fund Balances; Statements of Cash Position and General Fund Comparison of Budgeted v. Actual Expenditures and Tax Reports, including RITA, Cinema, Hotel and Jedd Tax. Ms. McBeath made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Public Comments: Donna Amann, from the Historical Society announced that the book "Milford" would be available for sale on September 8th. It can be purchased in local bookstores or at the Promont gift shop. The Historical Society will receive 40% profit if the book is purchased from the Historical Society. The cost of the book is \$20.00.

Karen Huff, Director of the Milford/Miami Township Chamber of Commerce, announced that a new restaurant, The Yellow Rose of Texas, would open at the location of the former Friendly's restaurant. Ms. Huff gave an update of upcoming happenings, including Clermont County Chamber program "Identity, Protect Yourself, the Jaycee's Car Show, the Chamber luncheon at DQ, the Friday Shop Hop will be on Sept. 5th with a welcome to the Sunflower Bike Tour and on September 27th the Art Affaire will be held at Promont. There will also be an art exhibit at Rowe House.

Ms. Hinnners announced that the Parks and Recreation Commission would have a booth with information about Riverside Park I and II during the Sunflower Bike Tour.

Executive Session: Ms. Hinnners made the motion for Council to recess at 7:15 p.m. and go into Executive Session for legal, personnel and real estate reasons, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Council returned to Regular Session at 8:45 p.m. with a motion from Ms. Hinnners, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: Ms. Brewer reported that the Committee met on August 11, 2008. Present: Ms. Brewer and Mr. Pschesang. Staff Present: City Manager Rokey and Assistant to the City Manager Ellerhorst. The City Manager provided a memo from Matt Newman, Water Plant Supervisor regarding the purchase of radio read meters and the purchase and installation of a pump for well #4. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of radio read meters from Neptune Equipment in the amount of \$15,186.00. Ms. Brewer made the motion, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance accepting a proposal from HD Water Services for the purchase and installation of a pump for well #4 in the amount of \$7,845.00. Ms. Brewer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes. The Manager advised that the OPWC application for the Garfield Force Main project has ranked well at the local level. Letters of support stressing the need for the project for economic development purposes will be added to the application.

The opening re-bids for the final phase of the CSO Elimination project will be on August 13th. After the engineer's review, the bids will be brought to the committee to award.

Ms. Ellerhorst reported that there have been several calls per day related to changes in the garbage collection program. When residents receive the flyer being sent next week the calls should slow down. The Manager noted that we are looking at installing a temporary over ground irrigation system to insure survival of the plants for the riverbank restoration project.

The Manager also noted that a flyer was brought to Council regarding a project under consideration in Anderson Township on Broadwell Road where Martin Marietta intends to begin deep mining/blasting if they receive a variance. Staff will contact their planning department regarding the plan.

Mayor Hunter requested that the Ordinances that are to be voted upon tonight be done so at this time. Law Director Minniear, who is recovering from surgery needs to leave as soon as possible.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

- 8.697 An Ordinance Authorizing Wage Adjustments for Non-Union Employees
Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.
- 8.698 An Ordinance Fixing the Compensation of the City Manager and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes.
- 8.699 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manger \$35,000 to be used for merit increases in salary for Non-Union Employees. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes. Ms. Hinnners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.
- 8.700 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Radio Read Meters from Neptune Equipment in the Amount of \$15,186.00. Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes. Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.
- 8.701 An Ordinance Accepting a Proposal from HD Water Services for the Purchase and Installation of a Pump for Well Number Four in the amount of \$7,845. Mr. Vilardo made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes.

Administrative Services: No Report

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: No Report – Mr. Hawkins stated that the Planning Commission and the Committee would have a Public Hearing concerning the Overlay District when the consultants are available.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Services Department has completed maintenance at the Cemetery. The Main Street trees have all been trimmed, and electric receptacles have been installed. The timing devices should all be in place by the end of the week.

The Service Department is currently painting arrows, stop bars and crosswalks and accepting bids for the remainder of the line striping. They are also clearing catch basins and maintaining alleys.

Wastewater Department has no report at this time.

The Water Department repaired a main break on High Street. Service was off to 5 customer for about 6 hours. Since this was an emergency no advanced notice was given. A leak was repaired on Chamber Drive. Service was interrupted to five businesses for five hours. A week ago construction began on the pump house for the Clearwell Project.

Other Items – On Friday Staff will receive the audit review from Balestra for fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Council members are welcome to attend; the Manager has confirmed that Charlene Hinnners is available to participate as Chair of the Administrative Services Committee.

Several staff members from the Utility Billing/Finance Department will attend the annual software Solutions, Inc. Conference September 10th – 12th to receive valuable training and the latest system updates in utility billing.

Rumpke is in the process of picking up any unwanted waste wheelers. Please watch your mail for the New Unlimited Solid Waste and Recycling flyer with guidelines and reminders about the new program. Garbage service will not be interrupted for the Labor Day holiday.

Parks and Recreation Commission will be setting up a tent at the Sunflower Revolution to solicit feedback and promote Riverside Park Master Plan concept.

REMEMBER Milford Schools start this week! Please watch for children walking and riding to and from school. Be mindful of their safety.

The Clermont County Planning Commission has a vacancy on the Commission. They would like two nominees from the City of Milford. Geoff Pittman who on the Board of Zoning Appeals is willing to serve in this capacity. Council did not have any other names at this time, but did submit Geoff Pittman's name. There is also a vacancy on the Income Tax Board of Review and the Public Records Commission. Due to interest expressed in the past, the City Manager has contacted Karen Kneipp and James Thaxton regarding these volunteer positions.

In Accordance with our Ordinance, the appointments to the Income Tax Board of Review are to be made by the City Manager with the approval of and consent of Council. Mr. Vilardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins to approve the appointment of Karen Kneipp to the Income Tax Board of Review. All voted yes.

The appointments to the Public Records Commission are to be made by the Mayor and City Manager in accordance with our Ordinances from 1978, however, the revised ORC section 149.39 states that the citizen representative is appointed by the chief executive. I defer to the Law Director for guidance.

Committee Meetings

Community Dev.	Monday, August 25, 2008	5:30 p.m.
Public Services	Monday, August 25, 2008	6:30 p.m.

Reminders

Philharmonic Concert	Tuesday, August 19, 2008	6:30 p.m.
Citizen's Housing	Monday, August 25, 2008	7:00 p.m.
City Offices Closed	Monday, September 1, 2008	Labor Day
Sunflower Bike Event	Sunday, September 7, 2008 (Legion)	7:30 a.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday, September 8, 2008	5:30 p.m.
Patriots Day	Saturday, September 20, 2008 (Legion)	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Junction Trail Festival	Sat. & Sun. September 27 th & 28 th (Legion)	

Police Report: Chief Machan distributed the results of the Police Survey. The Chief gave an overview of the survey and stated that 126 residents had responded. The important issues of many residents were: traffic, property maintenance, stray animals and noise violations.

Fire/EMS Report: Chief Cooper distributed the July Activities Report to Council. He announced that on September 6th there would be a fundraiser at the Firefighters Hall for Assistant Chief Mark Flanigan and Lisa Craig. Mark had a kidney transplant and his sister-in-law Lisa was the donor. He also announced a car show on September 7th at Riversedge.

Council Comments: None

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with a motion by Ms. McBeath, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

David M. Hunter, Mayor