

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on December 2, 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 Hinners, Mr. Vilardo Jr., Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Pschesang and Ms. Brewer. Ms. McBeath was absent due to illness. Vice-Mayor Hinners made the motion to excuse Ms. McBeath, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes,

Mayor Hunter asked for a motion to recess to an Executive Session for Personnel Reasons. Ms. Hinners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes. The meeting was recessed at 7:05pm and returned to regular session at 7:50pm with a motion from Ms. Hinners, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All voted yes.

Speaker: David Spinney, Clermont County Administrator, addressed Council with information concerning the Clermont County Transit System. He stated that there would be some changes in the routes in some areas. The CTC covers a large area within the County and with Metro discontinuing some routes this will effect CTC. Mr. Spinney said that although CTC is funded with Federal money, grants, and money appropriated by the County there will be a time when villages, towns and townships will be asked to participate in funding.

Mr. Spinney introduced Ben Capelle, Administrator of CTC. Mr. Capelle said that CTC provides transportation to citizens for a way to reach their workplaces and to residents for doctor appointments and to area hospitals for outpatient treatment. CTC also provides transportation to area shopping malls.

Mr. Spinney stated that local participation would be needed for the County.

A discussion was held from several Council members. The time frame for additional routes will be in 2009. CTC provides transportation to about 35,000 persons per year.

Mr. Spinney will be addressing Council with further information at a later time.

Remarks from the Mayor: None

Minutes: Mr. Vilardo Jr. made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting, seconded by Ms. Hinners. Voting yes: Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Vilardo Jr., Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinners. Abstaining: Mr. Pschesang and Mr. Hunter.

Correspondence: None

Financial Statements: The Clerk asked for a motion to accept the following Financial Statements: The Investment Summary Report, Investment Income Comparison Graph, Statements of Unexpended Fund Balances, Statements of Cash Position and General Fund comparisons of Budgeted v. Actual expenditures for October. Mr. Vilardo made the motion to accept the Financial Statements, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes.

Public Comments: Jackie Kohake, resident, commented about the house fire on Belt St. She said that the residents of the house have lost almost everything they had, including clothing. If anyone would like to help please contact her. The neighbors on Belt St. are collecting money and clothing for the family. Karen Huff, Milford Miami Township Chamber Director, reminded residents that the Taste of Milford would be held on December 3rd. She thanked all of the sponsors who participated in the Taste of Milford and she also thanked everyone who helped with Hometown Holidays. It was an extremely successful event in Milford although Sunday was a rainy day.

Police Report: Chief Machan reported on the traffic flow around the island on Main St. He said the two stops signs on Mill seem to be working well, but, the Department is still monitoring the traffic. Mayor Hunter commented that the Segway was a big attraction at Hometown Holidays.

Fire and EMS Report: Assistant Chief Mark Flanigan reported that the Channel 5 Coat Drive that the Department participates in received 300 coats from a young girl who collected the coats. She is a Girl Scout and was collecting the coats to help people and also earn her Girl Scout Badge.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: Amy Brewer reported that the Committee met on December 1, 2008. Present: Amy Brewer, Ralph Vilardo, Jr. and Sam Pschesang. Staff Present: City Manager Rokey, Water Plant Supervisor, Matt Newman, Wastewater Plant Supervisor, Carol Royer, Finance Director, Tim Petric, and

Utility Specialist, Pam Lee. Also Present: Ron Roberts, Roberts Engineering, Rachelle Rapp Dickerson, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair.

Ron Roberts addressed the Committee and provided a proposal to study the feasibility of striping to include bike lanes associated with the ODOT resurfacing project to begin next spring. Although the bike bridge is still a goal, facilitating access to the bike trail using crossings at grade can be explored as a shorter-term solution. The goal would be to accommodate a bike facility in both directions including access to Terrell Park. Mr. Roberts estimated that the city's cost to re-stripe in the future would be in the \$8,000 range. If provided to ODOT as part of the project, we would not incur this additional cost. Signal timing changes or relocation of the signal heads may also be recommended and could be included in the current project. Sam Pschesang recommended observance of the new striping plan for Terrace Park before we committed to any changes. The study would take roughly 3-5 weeks to complete. Ron Roberts recommended waiting until after the first of the year to begin.

City Manager Rokey noted that if approved, the cost of the study could then be included in the temporary appropriations budget for 2009. It must be completed in time for ODOT to incorporate the changes if recommended and approved by City Council. Rachelle Rapp Dickerson spoke in support of any efforts to facilitate the movement of cyclists from the trail toward downtown and noted that this was a major topic at the last HMA meeting she attended. The Committee agreed that the proposal be incorporated into the temporary appropriations budget for 2009 for execution after the first of the year.

The Manager provided an analysis of summer sewer credit alternatives for 1-2 family residential customers. Discussion included alternatives that would offer reduced tap fees for residential landscape meters or the allowance of deduct meters. Rachelle Rapp Dickerson offered information from the City of Lebanon regarding deduct meter policies in their community. There are additional costs to the citizens for meter installations and annual cost for backflow inspections. Staff was asked to review the pros and cons of irrigation meters and deduct meters as alternatives.

Matt Newman reported that the new Clearwell is in the process of being filled and disinfected. An anticipated start-up is scheduled for December 8th.

Rachelle Rapp Dickerson noted that the Parks & Recreation commission wants to insure that the needs of the Water Plant are included in concert with the Riverside Park Master Plan. A member of the Committee will plan to participate in future Wellhead Protection Committee meetings to insure that the plans for each facility work well together. She also noted that she was told that if the Martin Marietta Mining proposed in Anderson Township is approved, all emergency responders in the area must be trained in mine rescue. It was recommended that this issue be referred to the Safety Committee agenda.

Since the Community Development Committee was cancelled, the Public Services Committee agreed to recommend the re-appointment of Karen Kneipp to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Brewer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes. A Press Release calling for volunteers for several boards was sent to the papers last week.

Carol Royer reported that the contractor for the CSO project is waiting for manholes to be fabricated for the project. We do not yet have a firm start date.

The Manager provided an estimate of costs provided by Santoro Engineering for the 2009 ODOT Urban Paving Project.

Administrative Services: No Report – Mr. Hawkins asked for a motion to table Ordinance No. 08-271. Mr. Vilardo, Jr. made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesang, All voted yes.

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: No Report

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department continues to pick up brush on a call-in basis. Leaves will continue to be picked up as long as necessary. The Service Department is ready for snow and critical areas have been salted.

The Wastewater Department is operating smoothly.

The Water Department has completed hydrant installation on High Street and Main Street. All construction phases have been completed and the Clearwell is being filled with disinfectant, flushed and tested. Three service lines were inspected. Trash will be picked up on December 26th instead of the 25th. The same applies to New Years Day.

Committee Meetings

Admin. Services	Wednesday, December 10, 2008	7:00pm
Safety Services	Thursday, December 11, 2008	7:30pm
Reminders		
BZA	Thursday, December 18, 2008	7:00pm

City Luncheon	Friday, December 19, 2008	11:00-2:00
Santa Sunday	Sunday, December 21, 2008	12:30-4:30
Adm. Offices closed	December 25 th - January 1,2009	

Council Comments: Mayor Hunter thanked all those who made Hometown Holidays a success. Ms. Brewer stated that she has been asked by the Board of Education to serve on a committee concerning the future use of Milford Main School and Milford South School. She asked for any input that citizens might have.

New Business: None
Ordinances and Resolutions:

Old Business: None
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Adjourn:
There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was recessed .at 8:40pm to enter into an Execute Session for Real Estate purposes with a motion from Ms. Hinnners, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes. Council returned from Executive Session and adjourned at 9:52pm with a motion from Ms. Hinnners, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

David M. Hunter, Mayor