

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. July 7, 2009. 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, Ms. Brewer and Ms. McBeath.

A public hearing was held on July 7, 2009 at 6:00pm for the purpose of discussing the Milford Tax Budget for 2010. Those present: Tim Petric, Finance Director, Councilman Bryan Hawkins, City Manager Loretta Rokey and Clerk of Council Joanne Trilety.

Remarks from the Mayor: Mayor Hunter stated that Castrucci Chevrolet would have their grand opening of their new showroom on July 16th.

City Manager Rokey said that the Historical Milford Association would like some road closures during the Sunflower Street Festival.

The Mayor asked for a Voice Vote from Council to waive the \$50 park use for GHAHS for their Vintage Baseball game. Ms. Hinners made the motion, seconded by Ms. McBeath. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinners, Mr. Vilardo, Jr., Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang and Mr. Hawkins. Abstaining: Mr. Hunter.

Presentation: Dominic Costanzo and Michael Hawk of the Milford Gun Club presented the City of Milford and the Milford Police Department with checks from the proceeds of their fund raising events. Mayor Hunter and Chief Machan expressed there thanks to the Gun Club members for their support. Mr. Costanzo said the Gun Club is very proud of our community. The Gun Club has 250 members who participate in their fund raiser events.

Proclamation: Mayor Hunter presented Jim Eckels a proclamation to Sharefest 2009. The volunteers from Sharefest participate in many activities during the year for our community. Mayor Hunter proclaimed July 7, 2009 as Sharefest Day in the City of Milford.

Minutes: Ms. McBeath made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the corrected minutes of the June 2, 2009 Regular Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from City Manager Rokey recommending approval of Pam Holbrook to serve as Acting City Manager during the period of her absence, July 25 – August 9, 2009. Mr. Vilardo, Jr. made a motion for a voice vote from Council for the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

The Clerk asked for a motion from Council on whether a hearing would be needed for a transfer of liquor permits for D-3-4-and 5 to the new owners of Boca Billiards. Ms. McBeath made the motion that no hearing would be needed, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Financial Statements: The May, 2009 Milford Financial and Tax Reports were reported to Council for their acceptance and approval. Mr. Hunter made the motion that the May 2009 Financial and Tax Reports be accepted and approved, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Public Comments: Karen Huff from the Milford/Miami Township Chamber thanked all those who welcomed her son Shane home from Iraq. She also thanked all the troops that are serving our Country. Shane will be home for leave and training , then return to Iraq.

Ms. Huff reminded residents that Mid-Summer at the Meadows would be July 10th and 11th. Castrucci will have their Grand Opening on July 16th.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services No Report

Administrative Services: Ms. Hinners reported that the Committee met on June 16, 2009. Present: Charlene Hinners, Bryan Hawkins and Sam Pschesang. Staff Present: City Manager Rokey, Law Director Michael Minniear and Service Supervisor Mike Haight. Also Present: Amy Brewer, Suzanne Stagg and Gene Binning.

The Law Director provided a memo to all of Council regarding political signs and was available to discuss legal challenges of ordinances similar to ours in other parts of the state. A Supreme Court decision rendered in 2000 found that limitations on the duration of placement of political signs were unconstitutional. Bryan Hawkins offered a change to the city's current language in our zoning ordinance section 1191.08 B8 b & c from "shall" to "may." Another option would be to remove these sections entirely. The Law Director noted that the city can limit the size and location of signs, but not the length of time they are up. He will review the current ordinance and draft alternatives to be reviewed by City Council. Final amendments to the zoning ordinance will require a public hearing process prior to adoption. Mike Haight addressed the Committee regarding brush pick-up. It was skipped to prepare the Cemetery for Memorial Day. The volume of brush was easily collected after the two week period. For weekly collection, we require six men with two trucks running for a day and a half to cover all streets. If the same amount of effort is sufficient to collect brush every two weeks, over 48 man-hours and equipment can be directed to other projects. The Committee agreed to recommend that Brush Pick-up be reduced to the first and third Wednesdays of each month from July through October. After Council discussion this recommendation was tabled to a later time.

Tim Petric provided a timeline for review and adoption of the tax budget. The required public hearing will be held just prior to the Council meeting on July 7th at 6pm. The tax budget is drafted to fulfill a statutory requirement and is always replaced when City Council adopts final appropriations in 2010. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft a Resolution adopting the Tax Budget for the year 2010. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

The Finance Director advised the committee that after reviewing several brokers for investments, he recommends that R.W. Baird be retained for investment services. The Committee agreed to draft an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with R.W. Baird for Investment Services. All voted yes.

A mid-year financial review was also discussed. The Committee agreed to recommend a Special Council work session for this purpose on July 21st at 6pm. The motion was made for a voice vote from Ms. Hinnners, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

The City Manager provided a template to be added to the city's web-site for vendor's interested in bidding on city projects. The committee agreed to recommend that this be added to the web-site.

The Manager provided a presentation from USI regarding the status of the Center for Local Government Health Benefits Pool. We have participated in this pool since 2004. Due to a 17% renewal rate proposed for United Health Care for the existing pool, a new partially self-insured pool has been investigated. The rate increase would be over 18% for the city to renew coverage outside the group. Movement of the twelve existing pool members into the Ohio Mid-East Regional Education Service Agency pool is expected to save 4% overall.

The City's employee Health Benefit Committee has agreed in principal that the new pool is the best option, once final rates are confirmed. The new pool would offer the same provision of benefits through United Health Care but we would move to the Center for Local Government Benefits pool through OME-RESA. A Resolution is required to confirm our interest in moving forward with the new pool. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft a Resolution authoring membership in the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool with OME-RESA. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

The Manager advised the Committee that Carol Royer, Wastewater Supervisor required authorization for purchase and installation of a Chlorine and SO₂ automated injection system. The Wallace & Tiernan equipment is compatible with our existing equipment and Biss Nuss Inc. is the vender. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Biss Nuss Inc. for the purchase and installation of Siemens/Wallace & Tiernan Flow Proportionate Chemical Feed Equipment for Chlorine and Sulfur Dioxide for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount not to exceed \$20,000. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

The Manager provided a proposal from CDP Engineers for Construction Administration and Inspection of the Garfield Force Main and Water Street Waterline Project. The OPWC Grant and Loan allows \$116,000 for this cost to include resident representation five days per week. The current proposal is to utilize our own staff two days per week. This reduces the initial contract to \$88,000. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance Accepting a Proposal from CDP Engineers for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Garfield Force Main Project and the Water Street Water Line in the amount of \$88,000. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes. The Committee agreed to motion to draft an Ordinance Establishing the Water Street Water Line Fund. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

Immediately following the Committee Meeting Council members were schedules to tour Milford Main.

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: No Report

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department has initiated their summer hours from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunches will be taken from 11:00 a.m. – noon. The Department has trimmed trees and bushes in alleys throughout the City to allow the Rumpke trucks easier access to our residents. The majority of the department's time is now spent trimming and mowing city-owned property, parks and cemetery. The new salt bids are down to \$61.68/ton from \$98.11/ton last year. North American will be the new vender and this should significantly reduce the Street Fund budget estimated for salt cost this year. Up to \$70,000 may be saved if we can avoid making another purchase by the end of this year.

The Wastewater Department reports that the Garfield Force Main Project will be advertised for bid on July 15, 2009.

The Water Department stated that last week all residents should have received the Consumer Confidence Report for 2008. A water main break occurred on July 4th on Oakcrest This was an emergency and no prior notice was given to residents. The Department has continued to photograph curb stops for inventory and GIS mapping. The air stripper media replacement should begin Monday, July 13th.

The Ohio EPA has reviewed our plan and issued our Permit to Install the Lime Slaker replacement and Silo rehabilitation project. This is to be funded in the amount of \$200,00 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus package. Matt Newman and Bud White are working together to finalize the bid documents. Due to several conditions placed on the use of this federal money, we must include several documents in the specifications and involve OKI and ODNR in the process. The public must also be informed. This project involves the removal and replacement of the existing lime slaker that is almost 20 years old and has had many mechanical problems. It is actually being reduced to more appropriately match current equipment and will be more efficient and adequate to serve current and future demand.

The Finance Department has completed the 2010 Tax Budget and it is available for public review.

Sidewalk Inspections will begin this summer in the East Milford area. Sidewalks with an offset between blocks of ½ inch or greater, cracks ½ inch or greater, and severely spaulded sidewalks may be cited for repair. Property owners cited for sidewalk repairs are eligible for a reimbursement of 50% of the cost of the repair up to \$250.

Newsletter – We are collecting articles for Milford's Fall/Holiday Newsletter. The current deadline is July 24, 2009. The newsletter will be available on Milford's website to view, download and print.

Other items – The Historical Society is sponsoring a Vintage Baseball Game on August 15th from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm at Riverside ball field. They asked Council to waive the \$50 park use fee for use of the restrooms and concession building. All proceeds from the concession stand will benefit GMAHS.

The City has been the recipient of many hours of community support through Sharefest. We are very grateful for their help.

ODOT will begin the US 50 street resurfacing the first week of July. The majority of the work will be done in the evenings. This should have a limited affect on the downtown merchants and parking.

Since the Sunflower Street Festival will be located on Main Street and involves the sale of alcohol the Manager must sign the application for the F-2 permit – as a property owner. A Voice Vote will be needed authorizing the City Manager to sign on the City's behalf. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes.

Clonch Insurance and Financial Services have opened an office at 962 Lila Avenue behind McDonald's. The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Mariemont.

Committee Meetings

Special Council Meeting Tuesday, July 21, 2009 6:00 pm
No Committee meetings schedule at this time

Reminders

Ohio Valley Farmers Market - every Wed. (2:00 – 5:00) Sat. (10:00 – 2:00)
The Bronx Adventure Bicycle Tour – August 1st. they will camp at Riverside ball field
Parks & Recreation Monday, August 10, 2009 5:30 pm
Planning Commission Wednesday, August 12, 2009 6:00 pm
Vintage Baseball Game Saturday, August 15, 2009 2:00-6:00 pm
Philharmonic Concert Sunday, August 16, 2009 (SEM Villa) 6:30 pm
Citizen's Housing Monday, August 17, 2009 7:00 pm
City Manager Rokey – Vacation – July 25th – August 9th

Police Report: Chief Machan thanked Sharefest for their work at the annex building. The Chief stated that Frontier Days went well with only several arrests. There were no major problems. He also said that the Fortress Storage break-ins are still an on going investigation. The Chief warned residents that there are scams going on stating that funds are being solicited for the Police Department. Our Police do not do solicitation by phone. If you get a call do not give the caller any information and call our Police Department.

Fire/EMS Report: Chief Cooper reported the 4th of July went well. No incidents were reported. He reminded residents that the Corey's Courage blood drive will be on July 13th and that the Comedy for a Cause will be held on July 17th at the Oasis. Chief Cooper thanked Law Director Mike Minniear for all of his work in preparing for the upcoming Fire Levy in November.

Council Comments: Mayor Hunter commented that we need informational signs on the Little Miami River similar to the Bike Trail signs for the boaters who travel the river. Ms. Hinnners said she would like to discuss opening the restrooms for the Sunflower Festival. She said the Parks and Recreation Committee would like them opened also. After Council discussion Mayor Hunter motioned for a Voice Vote to open the restrooms, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. Law Director Minniear commented on the excellent job our Police Department during Frontier Days.

New Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

09-750 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with R.W. Baird for Investment Services.

Ms. McBeath 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.

09-751 An Ordinance Establishing the Water Street Water Line Fund.

Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes. Mr. Hawkins made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

09-752 An Ordinance Declaring a Necessity for an Election for a 5.3 Mill Tax Levy for Fire Protection for Three Years for the City of Milford, Ohio.

Mr. Vilardo, Jr. made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. McBeath. All voted yes. Ms. McBeath made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

09-753 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Siemans/Wallace & Tierman Chlorination/SO2 Equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ms. Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes. Ms. McBeath made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

09-754 An Ordinance Accepting a proposal from CDP Engineers for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the Garfield Force Main Project.

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. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

09-755 An Ordinance Amending Appropriations Ordinance No. 09-740.

Ms. McBeath made to motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

09-554 A Resolution Approving the Tax Budget for the City of Milford, Ohio for 2010.

Ms. McBeath made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

09-555 A Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool With OME-RESA.

Ms. McBeath made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

Old Business: None

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with a motion by Mr. Vilardo, Jr., seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

David M. Hunter, Mayor