

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. September 15, 2009. Mayor Hinners called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Mayor Charlene Hinners, Vice Mayor Amy Brewer, Ralph Vilardo, Jr., Bryan Hawkins, Kim McBeath and Sam Pschesang.

Presentation of Council Candidates: Mayor Hinners introduced the Council Candidates: John Aufdenkampe, Jim Thaxton, Laurie Walter and Geoff Pittman. Each candidate gave a brief summary of accomplishments and why they wanted to be considered for a seat on Council.

Selection of Candidate for Vacant Council seat: Law Director Mike Minniear explained that there would be 3 votes taken if needed. If after three votes there was not a majority for a candidate then the Mayor would appoint. After Council voted the first, second and third time there was no majority. At this time Mayor Hinners appointed Geoff Pittman to the vacant seat on Council. Mr. Minniear then administered the Oath of Office to Geoff Pittman. Mr. Pittman will replace David Hunter and serve the rest of his term of office.

Minutes: Mr. Hawkins made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the September 1 2009 regular Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. McBeath. Voting yes: Mayor Hinners, Mr. Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Pschesang. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.

Correspondence: None

Financial Statements: None

Public Comments: Chief Machan introduced Chuck Kreimer, President of Crime Stoppers. Mr. Kreimer spoke about the beginning of Crime Stoppers and the success of the organization. Crime Stoppers was founded in 1976 and continues rewarding citizens for their information helping police apprehend criminals. The organization is funded by donations and fundraisers. He urged residents to become involved. Karen Huff from the Chamber announced upcoming events including the Open House featuring several different companies. This will add to the Partin Scholarship Fund. The Golf Outing will be on Oct. 12th and Candidates Night for Milford will on Oct. 12th with Miami Township Night on Oct. 22nd. She announced that RDI, a marketing company locating in the Milford Shopping Center will have job interviews beginning on Oct. 23rd. John Cooper reported for the HMA that the streetfest event was the best we have ever had. He thanked the volunteers and the City for the tree lights. Yvonne Haight announced that the Legion would observe Patriot's Day on Sept/ 19^h. There would be many activities on the legion grounds including, food and a live band.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services No Report – The Committee will meet on Oct. 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Services: Mr. Hawkins reported that the meeting was held on Sept. 9th. Members present: Ms. Hinners, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Pschesang. Staff present: City Manager Rokey and Finance Director Tim Petric. Also present: Baird Investments Advisors, Jennifer Trowbridge and Ryan Nelson. Mr. Petric introduced the Baird Advisors to discuss amendments to our current investment policy. Ms. Trowbridge recommended that we allow ourselves the same flexibility permitted in the Ohio Revised Code by changing our maturity from more than two years to maturing more than five years and recommends that we add commercial paper and bankers acceptances as permitted investments. The Finance Director requested a motion to amend the city's policy to incorporate these changes. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance amending the City of Milford Policies (Ordinance 03-270) regarding the Deposit and Investment of Public Funds. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesange. Voting yes: Mr. Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinners, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Pschesang. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman. The Finance Director requested authorization to establish a fund for the Lime Slaker project. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance establishing the Lime Slaker ARRA Fund #463,

Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brewer. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang and Mr. Vilardo, Jr. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.

The Finance Director requested the annual Resolution provided by the County Budget Commission accepting the Amounts and Rates for 2010. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft a Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinners. Voting yes: Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang, Mr. Vilardo, Jr. and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.

The Finance Director provided a quick review of the General Fund, Water and Wastewater operating funds. The General Fund indicates a deficit at this time, but is approaching break-even if revenues remain steady and expenditures remain conservative. Water and Wastewater revenues continue to lag significantly behind expenditures.

The City Manager requested a voice vote at the next meeting of Council waiving the permit fees for the Citywide Yard Sale October 9-11. Mr. Hawkins made the motion for a voice vote, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. Voting yes. Ms. Hinners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang, Mr. Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Brewer and Mr. Hawkins. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: No Report

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department had been busy preparing the City for the Sunflower Revolution/Streetfest, the motorcycle/music event at Facet Jewelry and Promont's Art Affaire. They will begin making plans to prepare for the Junction Trailfest and "Go With the Flow" which will take place the last weekend of this month. This week they are assisting the American Legion in their preparation for the Patriot Day Celebration. This is addition to daily mowing and other weekly duties.

The Wastewater Department is waiting for release of our application prior to awarding the contract and scheduling a pre-construction meeting for the Garfield Force Main and Water Street Waterline project. The Water Department reports that a private contractor broke through a service line at Doublegate on Sept. 2nd. The water was off 8 ½ hours. Residents were not notified due to the emergency nature of the break. The contractor will be billed for the repair costs. Another emergency water main break occurred on Sept. 5th on SR 126. Water was off 5 hours. Whenever there is a water line break and service is unexpectedly disrupted to our residents, the water department notifies the administration office.

The pre-bid meeting for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements/Lime Slaker Replacement was held on Sept. 10th. Bids will be opened on Sept. 17th. If our funding is released construction may begin mid-October. The department continues to photograph curb box locations.

OTHER ITEMS: The newsletter has been posted on our website at www.milfordohio.org.

We have a supply of the Clermont County prescription discount cards at our front office counter.

The City of Milford is seeking an interested resident to fill a vacancy on the Milford Citizen's Housing Committee. The Committee meets as needed on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. To apply, you must be a resident of the City of Milford and have resided in the City for a period of two years. A background or interest in urban planning, architecture, law, or real estate is helpful but not required. If you would like to be considered for this appointment, please send a letter of interest and brief resume by October 2, 2009 to Pam Holbrook.

Following the appointment of the new City Council member, a new appointment should be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals and OKI Board of Trustees.

Committee Meetings

Public Services Com.	Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009	5:30 p.m.
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Reminders

Patriot Day	Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 (at the Legion)	11:00-6:00 p.m.
Drive-thru Flu Shots	Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 (Clermont Co. Fairgrounds)	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Citizen's Housing	Monday, Sept. 21, 2009	7:00 p.m.
Bd. of Zoning Appeals	Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009	7:00 p.m.
Junction Trailfest	Sat & Sun. Sept. 26 th and 27 th , 2009 (Riverside Park)	
Go With the Flow	Sat. Sept. 26, 2009	9:30 a.m.
Library Anniversary	Tuesday, Sept 29, 2009 (Milford/Miami Township Library)	6-7 p.m.
Fall Yard Sale	Oct 9 th – Oct. 11, 2009 (No yard sale permit required)	
Parks & Recreation	Monday, Oct. 12, 2009	5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission	Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009	6:00 p.m.
Haz. Mitigation/Stormwater Adversary Com.	Monday, Oct. 12, 2009	6-7 p.m.
House Tour Historic Milford	Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009	1-5 p.m.
Citizen's Housing	Monday, Oct. 19, 2009	7:00 p.m.
Fall Litter Clean-up	Sat. Oct. 24, 2009 –Call 248-5092 to register	
Daylight Time ends	Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 2:00 a.m.	

Police Report: Chief Machan reported that traffic was moderately heavy on Sunday during the Streetfest. The Chief provided an article that he had written for the CALEA Newsletter.

Fire/EMS Report: Chief Cooper reported that the Department had a busy weekend helping with the Streetfest. The Department continues to flush hydrants and work doing their daily routines.

Council Comments: Mr. Hawkins motioned that Mr. Pittman serve as the Council Representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Pittman will automatically become the Council Representative so no motion is needed.

Mr. Hawkins discussed the Ordinance on political signs. The Law Director proposed amending our current Ordinance on political signs. Our current Ordinance says you can place signs 42 days prior to the election. The Supreme Court says that is unconstitutional. The Law Director recommended that the property owner give permission to place the signs. We do not have restrictions on size of the signs. The Law Director recommends six square feet or smaller. Mr. Minniear recommends signs should be 15 feet minimum but no less than 15 feet from the street. He recommended that the signs can stay for 40 days but they can be replaced for appearance and deterioration. Mr. Hawkins made a motion that we have the Law Director draft an Ordinance with the above stipulations. Council continued their discussion on the motion. The Law Director explained that this would not be the easiest Ordinance to enforce. Council discussion continued concerning the size of signs. Mr. Minniear said that we cannot outlaw freedom of speech and a small sign has as much freedom of speech as a big sign. Mr. Minniear stated we definitely need to change the Ordinance but it will not have any effect on the upcoming election and probably not the spring primary. Discussion continued among Council. Mr. Hawkins stated he wanted to modify his motion that we remove the existing Ordinance that is unconstitutional and continue to talk about this as we go forward. Ms. Brewer seconded the modified motion. Voting yes: Mr. Vilaro, Jr., Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Pschesang. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.

Mayor Hinnners reported that she had attended a meeting with OKI and stated that it was a very interesting meeting with discussion on the Eastern Corridor. She will remain on the OKI Board.

New Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

- 09-760 An Ordinance amending the City of Milford Policies (Ordinance 03-270) regarding the Deposit And Investment of Public Funds.
Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. Voting yes: Mr. Vilaro, Jr., Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Pschesang. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman. Mr. Vilaro, Jr. made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Brewer. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang and Mr. Vilaro, Jr. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.
- 09-761 An Ordinance establishing the Lime Slaker ARRA Fund #463
Ms. McBeath made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. Voting yes: Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. McBeath, Mr. Pschesang, Mr. Vilaro Jr. and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman. Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Pschesang, Mr. Vilaro, Jr., Ms. Brewer, Ms. McBeath and Mr. Hawkins. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.
- 09-557 A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.
Ms. McBeath made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Vilaro, Jr. Voting yes: Mr. Pschesang, Mr. Vilaro, Jr., Ms. Brewer, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Hinnners and Ms. McBeath. Abstaining: Mr. Pittman.

Old Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Vilardo Jr., seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Charlene Hinnars, Mayor