

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. October 20, 2009. Mayor Hinnners called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Hinnners, Vice-Mayor Brewer, Mr. Vilardo Jr., Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Pschesange and Mr. Pittman. Absent: Ms. McBeath. Mr. Vilardo made the motion to excuse Ms. McBeath due to family illness, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. All votes yes.

Minutes: Mr. Pittman made the motion to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the October 6, 2009 regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Vanessa Hannah resigning from the Parks and Recreation Committee and a letter from Judy Hackmeister resigning from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Both resignations were immediate resignations. Mayor Hinnners thanked Vanessa and Judy for their work on the Parks and Recreation Committee. She announced that anyone interested in serving on the Committee please send a resume and letter of interest to the Administration Office before October 30, 2009.

Financial Statements: None

Oath of Office: Law Director Mike Minniear administered the Oath of Office to Michelle Heatherton as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Public Comments: Joyce Roa, Belt St. resident, commended the Street/Service Department for the excellent work they do. She also commended the Cemetery Office for the kind and considerate way they handle grave lot purchasing. She thanked Myrt Allen, Cemetery Clerk, for her thoughtful consideration. The resignations from the Parks and Recreation Committee generated comments from some residents seeking questions and answers.

Rachel Rapp Dickerson, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee asked questions about the Ad Hoc committee being formed as a fact finding committee for Parks & Rec. She asked what was the committee not doing and that this was disrespectful and a slap in the face to the committee. She asked that Ms. Hinnners not be on the Parks & Rec. Committee.

Discussion was held with Ms. Hinnners that the Ad Hoc Committee was only a fact-finding group to see where we go from here. They will not have voting power; they will only report their findings to the Community Development Committee.

Yvonne Haight stated that she was reporting for Carmella Fugate concerning Legion activities. Ms. Fugate was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Haight said that the Legion Chile Contest was a huge success and she thanked all of those who attended. She announced that the Legion Turkey Dinner would be held on November 1st. from noon to six o'clock.

Karen Huff, Milford Miami Township Chamber Director stated the Chamber of Commerce C.O.V.E.R. Award Dinner would be held at RSVP on October 28th.

Residents, Lynne Chaney, Gene Binning, Jackie Kohake, L. Yarborough, Yvonne Haight, Michelle Heatherton, Karen Huff and Andy Dickerson all spoke concerning the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee. Comments were both positive and negative. There were also comments from Mayor Hinnners, Sam Pschesang and Law Director Minniear answering some of the questions raised by residents.

John Cooper, HMA, reported that the Hometown Holidays not only just included downtown Milford but also the whole community. It will be held on November 27th and 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services No Report

Administrative Services: Mr. Hawkins reported that the Committee met on October 15, 2009. Present: Charlene Hinnners, Bryan Hawkins and Sam Pschesang. Staff present: City Manager Rokey, Tim Petric, Finance Director, and Assistant City Manager Holbrook. Also present: Council Member Geoff Pittman. The Manager provided an overview of the AFSCME contract negotiations and copies of the proposed contract document, ratified by the union members. The Committee recommended that time be given for all of City Council to review the document to be included in Council's packets.

The Finance Director requested amendments in appropriations related to the grants and loan projects currently funded for the Garfield Force Main and Waterline and the Lime Slaker Project. A variety of Grants and low interest Loans have already been approved toward the cost of these projects. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance Amending Appropriations Ordinance 09-740. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pschesang. All voted yes. Ms. Holbrook requested discussion regarding the maintenance standards for large lots, primarily over one acre, as it is affected by our current ordinance related to the removal of weeds and grass exceeding 12 inches. Several large undeveloped lots were discussed and the practicality of enforcing the ordinance as it is. Research suggests several approaches to managing these large areas. After much discussion, the Committee directed staff to draft language amending Section 915.02 to require a 20-foot mowing strip bordering parcels greater than one acre. Lots less than one acre would be required to comply with the current language. This will be discussed at the next Community Development meeting.

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: No Report

City Manager’s Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department fall brush pick-up schedule would only be on a call in basis until April. Leaf pick-up will begin next week. This will occur on a rotating route through the entire City.

The contractor has begun work to remove the tiles on the main entrance to the Administration Building on the side facing Forest Avenue. Foundations at the cemetery have been completed. The next pouring will take place in late April 2010. This week the staff is weed eating around the headstones for the last time this year. Work has begun to fit the restroom doors at Riverside Park II and add timers. At this time the restrooms are closed for the winter.

A&A Safety should finish line striping this week weather permitting. The Service Department vehicles have been equipped with salt spreaders in preparation for snow season. We have 750 tons of salt on hand. The Wastewater Department reports a preconstruction meeting for the Garfield Force Main project and the Water Street Waterline has been tentatively scheduled for Oct. 28th. We will be mindful of the impact on the merchants in the area and communicate the project schedule as soon as possible.

The Water Department has made restorations after repairs have been completed on Beech St., Lewis St., and Hogan Drive. The irrigation system at the Clermont Lumber site has been winterized. The Department continues to map and photograph curb boxes throughout the system.

OTHER ITEMS: A reminder that signs of all types, including political signs are not permitted in the public right-of-way. With the property owners permission they may be placed behind the sidewalk area or behind the line of the utility poles. All signs posted in the right-of-way will be removed. They can be retrieved at the Service Department.

Due to the elections on Nov. 3rd the next Council Meeting will on Wednesday Nov. 4th at 7:00 p.m.

We have had calls recently from residents desiring to dispose of large items. Rumpke will pick up one large item weekly. Call the Administration Office beforehand so that Rumpke will be aware of the item and the address. This is alert them in case the item is larger than one person can handle.

Committee Meetings

Administrative Ser.	Tuesday, October 27, 2009	6:30 p.m.
(There will also be a work session for Council at this meeting to discuss the Budget)		
Community Dev.	Monday, November 2, 2009	5:30 p.m.

Reminders

Legion Turkey Dinner	Sunday, November 1, 2009	noon – 6:00 p.m.
Pacesetter Dinner	Thursday, November 5, 2009	5:00 p.m.
Parks & Rec. Urban Trail Walk	Saturday, November 7, 2009	8:00 a.m.
Planning Commission	Tuesday, November 10, 2009	6:00 p.m.
Citizen’s Housing	Monday, November 16, 2009	7:00 p.m.
Administration Offices CLOSED – Wednesday, November 11, 2009 Veteran’s Day		

Police Report: Chief Machan announced that Beggar’s Night will on October 31st from 6-8 p.m. The Department will have extra patrols on duty and they will be giving treats to the children. He asks that parents be sure the costumes are safe.

The Department has a Power Point program of activities concerning Milford High School. This program includes Homecoming at Pattison Elementary.

The Chief stated that the Department along with other people did a tremendous job apprehending robbers who were stealing metal from a construction site.

Fire/EMS Report: Chief Cooper distributed the monthly Fire and EMS Report to Council. He stated that the Department has gone door-to-door in the City leaving literature asking support of the Levy. The Department will be collecting coats and canned good until Dec. 4th. Santa Sunday will on December 20th starting at about 1:00 p.m.

Council Comments: Mr. Hawkins commented that the Parks and Recreation Committee has worked hard but the frustration of no money and budget cuts has been difficult. He said that the Ad Hoc Committee will report on their fact-finding efforts directly to the Community Develop Committee. . He stated that even though the Master Plan for Parks was passed by Council it is only a shell plan and it could be amended. With the economy such as it is everything will take time to accomplish. Mr. Vilardo, Jr. requested that Council spend time reviewing and discussing the 2009 Budget. After discussion, the Council will meet on October 27th at the Administrative Services Committee meeting as a work session with Council of the whole to discuss the Budget.

New Business:

Ordinances and Resolution

09-764 An Ordinance Amending Appropriations Ordinance 09-740

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

Old Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Pschesang. seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Charlene Hinnners, Mayor