

The Council of the City of Milford met in Special Session on August 2, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Vice Mayor Pittman called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: Vice Mayor Pittman, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hinnners, Mr. Lykins, and Ms. Brewer. Absent: Ms. Walter and Mayor Vilardo. Mr. Lykins made a motion to excuse Mayor Vilardo and Ms. Walter. All voted yes.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the 10.5 Mill Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Pittman asked Law Director Minniear to explain the process needed to prepare the Ordinance for the Levy and to prepare the Ordinance for the November ballot.

A brief discussion was held with the Council members concerning the Levy preparation. Mr. Pittman asked for a motion to draft an Ordinance to proceed with the Ballot Issue for a 10.5 Mill Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Lykins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Evans.

Ms. Hinnners reported that the Community Development Committee met on July 26, 2011. Present: Charlene Hinnners, Laurie Walter and Lisa Evans. Staff present: City Manager Wright and Assistant City Manager Holbrook. Also present: Charles Evans.

The Committee reviewed the proposal for Riverside Park playground equipment from Recreations Outlet. The City Manager has hired Lansdale Surveying to provide a survey of Riverside and Memorial Park. Once that work is completed the Parks & Recreation Commission will need to determine the best site for the equipment, keeping in mind that the Commission is also interested in putting an amphitheater in Riverside Park also. The cost of the equipment is \$31,436 and installation will cost \$7,850. Staff stated that prior to installation the city would need to install mulch and a playground border so an additional proposal will be brought to Community Development.

The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Recreations Outlet to purchase playground equipment and installation for Riverside Park for a total amount of \$39,286. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Ms. Evans. All voted yes. City Manager Wright informed the Public Services Committee at their meeting on July 26th that staff is preparing an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a grant to pay for approximately half of the costs to replace the existing booster station which on Main Street pumps water to the Edgcombe water tower. The booster station was installed in 1967 and is in need of replacement. Mr. Wright further stated that a requirement of the grant application is for City Council to adopt a resolution authorizing the application. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft a resolution authorizing the City of Milford to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required. Ms. Hinnners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes.

Mr. Pittman asked if this levy would be a money saving levy. Chief Cooper stated that it would.

New Business:

Ordinances and Resolution

11-886 An Ordinance to Proceed with the Ballot Issue for a 10.5 Mill Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Services for three years for the City of Milford, Ohio.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Evans. All voted yes.

The Law Director asked Chief John Cooper to again brief Council about the wording of the Levy before it is passed by Council. The Chief stated that it would be more reasonable to combine the 5.3 Fire Levy and the 5.2 EMS Levy into one levy with the same total millage. Chief Cooper stated that the Auditors Office anticipates that a levy at the same current millage rate could result in as much as \$100,000 less revenue. The EMS Levy is up in 2010 and two years of the Fire Levy will be dropped. He said that the Fire Department will operate in a conservative manner but residents will get the same support as they always have had. Mr. Pittman asked if this levy would be a money saving levy. Chief Cooper stated that it would.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes.

Law Director Minniear asked for a motion from Council that he make any changes needed for the language in the Ordinance. Ms. Brewer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes.

11-887 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Recreations Outlet to Purchase Playground Equipment and Installation for Riverside Park.

Hinnners made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes. Ms. Evans made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. All voted yes.

11-573 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Milford to Prepare and Submit an Application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required.
Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Lykins, seconded by Ms Hanners. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Ralph J. Vilaro, Jr. Mayor