

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. March 15, 2011. Mayor Vilardo, Jr. called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Vice Mayor Pittman, Ms. Hinnners, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Walter and Mr. Lykins.

Mayor Vilardo, Jr. turned the meeting over to Law Director Minniear for the selection process and voting for the new Council Member. The first ballot was 3 votes Lisa Evans, 2 votes on Frye and 1 vote Rick Raabe. On the seconded ballot Lisa Evans received 4 votes and Jon Frye received 2 votes. Since 4 votes was a majority vote Lisa Evans was selected to be the Council Member. Ms. Hinnners made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walter that the Council have a unanimous acclamation for Ms. Evans. All voted yes.

Oath of Office: Law Director Minniear administered the Oath of Office to Lisa Evans as the new Council Member.

Ms. Hinnners made a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing Jamey Mills as Chief of Police for the City of Milford Ohio, seconded by Ms. Brewer. Voting yes: Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Abstaining: Ms. Evans.

The Law Director read Ordinance 11-849, An Ordinance Authorizing the Appointment of Donald Jamey Mills as Chief of Police for the City of Milford. Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Pittman. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Lykins and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Ms. Evans. Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Pittman. Voting yes: Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman and Mr. Lykins. Abstaining: Ms. Evans.

Oath of Office: The Law Director administered the Oath of Office to Donald Jamey Mills as Chief of Police for the City of Milford Ohio.

Proclamation: Mayor Vilardo, Jr. presented a plaque and proclamation to Betty Meyers of Row House Gallery and Custom Framing for their sustainability of 40 years in business in the City of Milford. Ron Burke of the Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce also presented a plaque to Betty Meyers and Row House.

Minutes: Mr. Pittman made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the Minutes of March 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Lykins. Voting yes: Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinnners, Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Walter and Mr. Pittman. Abstaining: Ms. Evans.

Correspondence: None.

Financial Statements: The Clerk asked for a motion to accept and approve the Financial Statements for February 2011. Mr. Pittman made a motion to accept the February Financial Statements, seconded by Mr. Lykins. Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Lykins and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Ms. Evans.

Public Comments: David Kahl, resident gave a presentation concerning autism. Mr. Kahl stated that April is Autism Awareness Month and he would like the City to participate with a proclamation and by everyone wearing something blue. On April 1st everyone is also encouraged to have a blue light on in their home or business as a symbol of their awareness of Autism. Mayor Vilardo presented a proclamation to Mr. Kahl proclaiming the Month of April as Autism Awareness month in the City of Milford.

Lou Bishop, resident and former Mayor and Council Member. Mr. Bishop thanked Chief Mills for his wisdom and he stated that Chief Mills had his respect and best wishes. Mr. Bishop thanked Lisa Evan for her concern in becoming a Council Member. Mr. Bishop thanked City Manager Rokey for her hard work as a City Manager. He said that she loves Milford and will be missed by our residents and friends.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: No Report

Administrative Services: - No Report

Safety Services: No Report – After a brief discussion concerning the parking in downtown Milford, on Beech St. and Maple Ave, Mr. Pittman made a motion for an Ordinance accepting the recommendations of Chief Cooper to delete certain parking spaces in those areas as evidenced in the aerial photographs and to delete the spaces marked in red. The spaces marked in yellow would remain legal parking spaces. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hinnners. Voting yes: Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinnners. Voting no: Mayor Vilardo, Jr. Abstaining: Ms. Evans.

Community Development: Ms. Hinnners reported that the Committee met on March 14, 2011. Present: Charlene Hinnners, Laurie Walter, Jeff Lykins and Geoff Pittman. Staff present: City Manager Rokey, and Assistant City Manager Holbrook. Also present: Charles Evans, Evans Funeral Home, Rachele Rapp-Dickerson, and Dave Sence, LTD.

Ms. Hinnners stated that the Committee discussed Memorial Park Revitalization and Mr. Evans presented the Parks & Recreation plan to revitalize the park. The Commission's goals are to make Memorial Park the gateway to Riverside Park, and provide a memorial to veterans. Mr. Sence will put together a concept plan with a cost estimate. The members discussed soliciting donations for the flagpoles.

The Beautification Task Force has been working hard on compiling a list of projects that will improve the city gateways. During the City's Economic Development forum it was suggested that the City work on making the entrances into the city more attractive. Mr. Sence presented concept plans to update the following gateways: Area 1, Bike Trail Identity Sign Area. Area 2, Milford Parkway Identity sign Area and Area 3, SR 126 & US 50 Gateway. Mr. Sence is working with Matt Newman to determine if these areas will be able to be watered.

The Committee also discussed Area 4 which consists of 10 flower pots set along Lila Ave. and 10 pots set on Main St. Mr. Pittman stated he thought these were great ideas, but would like to see the Strategic Plan finished before allocating money. Mr. Lykins stated he would like to see fund balances prior to committing any money to these projects.

Mr. Evans discussed the Parks & Recreation Commission plans for Riverside Park. He stated that they would like to get bids from a landscape architect for a design/build plan that would include the entry way from Memorial Park to Riverside Park, playground, gazebo, tree installation around various buildings. Also included are long term items such as a pavilion/amphitheater. Ms. Dickerson suggested interviewing the top two firms that responded to the playground project RFQ. Mr. Sence will work with the Commission to determine the scope of the project.

The Committee agreed to take the Area 1-4 gateway projects to Council on Tuesday.

Mr. Sence advised the Committee that it would be a good idea to solicit bids for parkway trees in June/July for a fall planting in October/November. The City should be able to get a better price at that time of year.

The Committee also discussed a new logo/backdrop for council chambers. Staff is working on this.

The Committee discussed the appointment of Jamey Mills as Police Chief. The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance appointing Donald J. Mills as Police Chief. The probationary rate of pay shall be salaried time exempt at \$76,460, effective retroactive to March 14, 2011. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, the salary shall be \$78,754.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey commended the Service Department for their painting of the Municipal Building. The fresh coats of paint brighten the areas making them more welcoming for both residents and Municipal Building employees.

Sec-tron has been present throughout the building installing the new security panels and Adkins-Stang has installed light fixtures over the flag and Seal of Ohio in Council Chambers.

All of the pine trees were removed along SR 126 at the gateway sign. Almost all were dead and others infested with bagworms and were dying.

The Department has continued to clean catch basins and patch potholes throughout the City.

Ed Hackmeister has received pricing from three different dealerships to get favorable pricing for a new dump truck. He also has a quote to have the truck body fit with hydraulics. The next step will be to submit his information for committee approval.

The Wastewater Department answered several service calls from residents related to sewer problems during the last two weeks. Eleven sewer mains located throughout the City were cleaned out. Four manholes were fitted with linings. A camera was sent through the lines to locate taps at 20 Brix and Park Bank.

The Water Department did asphalt and concrete restoration on Lila Ave. and Protective valve cans were cleaned out on Lila Ave.

Tank inspections were priced and will be conducted as part of the 3-year maintenance plan. Pittsburgh Tank was the lowest price. Matt is currently working with several vendors to get favorable pricing for a

new dump truck. State bids do not include a truck suitable for his needs. Matt and City Manager Rokey are working with Dan to update our current shut-off policy.

MAJOR CONTRUCTION PROJECTS – The 2011 Cemetery Grounds Maintenance Contract bid has been available in the Administration Office and on our website. The bid opening is scheduled for March 16th. At 1:00 p.m.

OTHER – The City is seeking resident and business owners who would like to participate in the process of updating the sign ordinance by being a part of a text amendment review committee. Participants should either reside within City limits, or be a property owner/business in the City. Contact Pam Holbrook at 248-5093.

The Milford Parks & Recreation Commission is searching for a City resident to fill a vacancy on the Commission. The Commission is a five-member volunteer board appointed by City Council. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please send a resume or letter of interest to Pam Holbrook at pholbrook@milfordohio.org or call 248-5093

.Committee Meetings

Council Planning Session	Thursday, March 24, 2011	6:30 p.m.
Public Services	Thursday, March 24, 2011	5:00 p.m.

Reminders

Citizen's Housing	Monday, March 21, 2011	7:00 p.m.
Network Luncheon	Thursday, March 24, 2011 at Roosters	11:30 a.m.
Bd. of Zoning Appeals	Thursday, March 24, 2011	7:00 p.m.
March Madness	Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Legion	
Arbor Day Tree Planting	Friday, May 6, 2011	
"Let Us Never Forget"	Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Oasis	5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, April 13, 2011	6:00 p.m.
Spring Clean up	Saturday, April 16, 2011	
Firefighters Challenge	Saturday, April 16 th & 17 th 2011 at Target	

City Manager Loretta Rokey read her letter of resignation as City Manager to the Council. She stated that she has accepted the position of City Manager for the Village of Glendale. Her last day will be on April 1st. Ms. Rokey thanked Council and the residents of the City of Milford for her years as City Manager. Mayor Vilardo presented Ms. Rokey with a bouquet of flowers and expressed his gratitude to her for her years of hard work in our City.

Police Report: Chief Mills stated that on April 30th unused or out of date drugs can be disposed of by the Police Department at Target. The Department will pick up the drugs if residences are not available to go to the pick up at Target. Chief Mills gave Council Members a Challenge Coin such as our officer's carry if they see something special from a citizen. The coin is to be presented to the person until they pass it along to another good deed or action.

Chief Mills thanked the City for his appointment as Chief. He introduced his family and his parents and his friend Ron Kissinger, a retired Cincinnati Police Officer.

Fire/EMS: Chief Cooper distributed internal reports to Council similar to the ones used by the Police Department.

He congratulated Chief Mills on his appointment as Chief of Police in Milford. Chief Cooper also stated that he was proud to have served under City Manager Rokey and wishes her the best.

He reminded residents of the upcoming Firefighter Challenge.

Public Comments/Council Comments: Nancy Meyers of Row House announced that prints of the Old Barber Shop are now available at Row House.

Jackie Kohake, resident, thanked Chief Mills and City Manager Rokey wished and wished them good luck. Law Director Minniear stated that he has worked with many of Milford's City Managers such as Harry Hodges, Dave Spinney and Loretta Rokey. He commented that City Manager Rokey was among the most intelligent Mangers we have had and that she will be sorely missed.

Mayor Vilardo, Jr. announced some "housekeeping" items. Mr. Lykins will serve on the Safety Services Committee and Ms. Evans will serve on the Community Development and Adminstrative Services Committees. Ms. Evans will also be the Council liaison to ICRC.

Mr. Pittman made a motion for an Executive Session for Personnel matters immediately after the regular session of Council, seconded by Mayor Vilardo, Jr. All voted yes.

Mayor Vilardo, Jr. motioned that the Vice-Mayor be allowed to perform marriages along with the Mayor. Ms. Hinners seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ms. Hinners, Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Lykins and Ms. Brewer. Abstaining: Ms. Evans.

New Business:

Ordinances and Resolution

11-849 (see beginning of minutes)

11-850 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase from Camp Safety Equipment of two in-car video cameras for the Police Department Tahoes. Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Hinners. Voting yes: Mr. Lykins, Ms. Hinners, Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Ms. Walter and Mr. Pittman. Abstaining: Ms. Evans. Ms. Hinners made the motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Lykins. Voting yes: Ms. Walter, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Hinners, Mayor Vilardo, Jr. and Mr. Pittman. Abstaining: Ms. Evans.

Old Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council the meeting, the meeting was recessed at 8:35 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for Personnel matters. Council returned to Regular Session at 9:15 p.m. and adjourned with a motion by Ms. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Walter. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Ralph J. Vilardo, Jr. Mayor