



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Special Meeting**  
**Monday – September 4, 2012**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Morton, Ott, Jones, and Whalen  
Excused: Councilmember Zaroudny  
Absent: Councilmember Manley

Mayor Perry recessed the meeting and convened to executive session for labor negotiations at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Perry recessed the executive session at 7:03 p.m.

**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday – September 4, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Morton, Ott, Jones, and Whalen  
Excused: Councilmember Zaroudny (**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER OTT, seconded by Whalen – passed 5/0**)  
Absent: Councilmember Manley

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Administrator Mukerjee, Police Chief Rhoads, Public Works Director Neal, and Finance Director Tylor were present.

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Perry presented a plaque to past Councilmember Leonard Sanderson for his years of dedicated service on the City Council. Mr. Sanderson gave an acceptance statement, encouraging citizens to become informed and involved with government.

Speaker	Address	Topic
Russ McCallion	10701 174 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Bonney Lake	Introduced himself representing East Pierce Fire District – gave statistics supporting benefits of CPR – announced that East Pierce Fire District is offering “Hands Only CPR” to various clubs and organizations, extended offer of class to the City of Milton

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- Minutes from August 6, 2012, regular meeting;
- August 3, 2012, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits in the amount of \$206,481.58;
- August 20, 2012, payroll direct deposits, checks, and benefits in the amount of \$141,718.94;
- Checks/Vouchers, numbers 52913-53057, and ACH payments in the amount of \$253,578.33;
- AB12-076: Resolution 12-1819, Sole Source Purchase of Electric Poles

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilmember Whalen. **The motion was voted on and carried 5-0.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. AB12-077: Approval of Labor Contract with IBEW Local 483**

City Administrator Mukerjee passed out the approved and ratified contract, and explained that the major details are:

- 3-year contract
- No wage increases during the contract period
- Health contributions equal 10% of the premium

Councilmembers thanked the bargaining committee, the employees, and the union for their help through the tough decision making process.

Councilmember Jones thanked the employees and encouraged the City to recognize the sacrifices that were made.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED** to approve the collective bargaining agreement with IBEW Local 483 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same; seconded by Councilmember Whalen. **The motion was voted on and carried 5-0.**

Mayor Perry said she appreciated everyone involved. A primary goal is to open up communication, and she saw that realized with this process. She very much appreciates the employees; it's the administration's desire to keep everyone employed.

**B. AB12-078: Letter of Intent on Shared Court Services with the City of Puyallup**

City Administrator Mukerjee explained that this is not a contract but an intention to research the feasibility of sharing court services with the City of Puyallup. The letter of intent has been approved by Puyallup.

Councilmembers clarified that this carried no obligation for the City of Milton at this time, and it is an opportunity to do business with others at a time when it makes economic sense. This is a good step in the right direction, as has been done with other City services.

Councilmember Jones said he is not in favor and would like to see final numbers proving that this would be beneficial.

**COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED** to approve the letter of intent with Puyallup to direct staff to continue negotiating an Interlocal Agreement for Municipal Court Services; seconded by Councilmember Morton. **The motion was voted on and carried 4-1 (Jones).**

**C. AB12-079: Ordinance No. 1794-12 and Resolution No. 12-1820 Amending Council Meeting Schedule**

City Administrator Mukerjee explained the background and current conflicts between contracting administrative services and the current Council meeting schedule.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED** to approve Ordinance 1794-12 and Resolution 12-1820 to change the City Council meeting days but not the times. Seconded by Councilmember Morton.

Council discussion included whether changing the days to Tuesdays would conflict with meetings at East Pierce Fire District and what the appropriate meeting start times ought to be.

Councilmembers stated that they would feel more comfortable with the full body of seven making this decision, which he's hopeful of for the next meeting.

Mayor Perry announced the item postponed to the September 10, 2012 study session.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator Mukerjee reported on:

- The library building is now completely owned by the City of Milton, as the agreement with Pierce County has been signed. The Police Department is now proceeding with renovations.
- The current system of numbering Agenda Bills is being discontinued, as it offered no real benefit and increased confusion.
- The September 10 study session will include discussion on the Fireworks Regulations; the public input received by the City will be included in the packet.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whalen reported on:

- Regarding the fireworks discussion to come, his desire is that all the citizens who put in so much comment the last time this issue came up are heard.
- Encourages all to go by the new LED street light that has been installed – looks good and is more cost and energy efficient over time.
- Noticed the lights at the school are dimmer; applauds the Fife School District for the effort to reduce the night brightness.
- Milton Days was a wonderful time – attended the Events Committee meeting to thank them.
- Expressed displeasure with East Pierce Fire District's actions – not providing everything that is in the contract and praising themselves for skewed numbers.

Councilmember Jones reported on:

- Attended the Events Committee meeting to say thank you – it was a great event. Would like to consider as a future discussion item limiting dangerous animals. (Councilmember Morton echoed this idea.)
- Will not be able to attend the September 17, 2012 Council meeting as he will be out of state. **COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED** to excuse Councilmember Jones from the September 17, 2012 Council meeting;

seconded by Councilmember Whalen. **The motion was voted on and carried 5-0.**

Councilmember Morton reported on:

- The Events Committee did a great job on Milton Days – heard vendors call it improved over last year – well attended.
- Requested information on the LED light cost savings – Director Neal reported the savings are significant.

Councilmember Ott reported on:

- Requested an update on code enforcement hours, associated costs, actions.
- Great job on Milton Days by all – especially appreciated work by City of Milton employee, Brent Thompson.
- Received a letter from East Pierce Fire District – called it unacceptable.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor reported on:

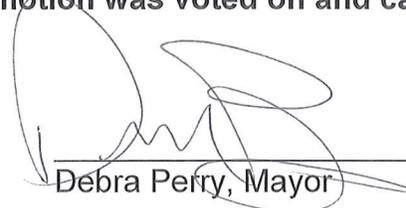
- Milton Days was a fantastic time – good energy – more little kids and families staying longer than in the past.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

- Milton Days was so much fun – great to have so many people – received information from citizens and business owners that may not have been received any other way. The event's Facebook page received 1,000 hits and posted 744 photos – impressive!
- The Mayor's family has taken in a German foreign exchange student, an event spurred by conversations at Milton Days.

### ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.; seconded by Councilmember Morton. **The motion was voted on and carried 5-0.**

  
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Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Tylor, City Clerk