



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday – March 17, 2014**  
**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 Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Manley, Ott, and Morton

Absent: Councilmembers Zaroudny and Jones (**MOTION** (Taylor/Whalen) to excuse; **passed 5/0**)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Interim City Administrator Langford, City Attorney Park, Public Works Director Neal, and Finance Director Tylor

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

None.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Steve McKeen Renee McKeen	2008-2010 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Mr. McKeen spoke regarding a house that his daughter Renee McKeen (who was also present at the podium but did not speak) inherited from neighbor Laurence Conner. It took four years to settle, during which time interest was accumulating on a past-due utility bill. He requested a waiver of the interest.
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave Ct	The Senior's St. Patrick's Day dinner was successful, with about 105 people present.

Bill Rowling	Truck City CB	<p>He said that he was here last week regarding I-502. Pleads with Council to approve the growing of medical marijuana now or it will be a moot point. Growing needs to start now for June retail sales. He had 2 partners signed up who were going to start making payments to him, but were scared off by the planning department.</p> <p>He referred to the eight people who testified at last week's Council meeting, quoting each one with saying he or she is "okay with medical marijuana".</p> <p>He said he was "tricked" by city hall before in 2004 when he was told that Milton welcomes new business, and after committing, he learned of \$17,000 in fees.</p> <p>Now regarding this subject, he said that even though he was originally told that medical marijuana in Milton is okay, he has now learned of expensive fees.</p> <p>He also said he was "tricked" into rezoning to industrial, and has since seen huge tax increases.</p> <p>He said he is almost broke, and asks Milton to please give them the opportunity to do business here without customary gouging.</p> <p>He then read a "Moot Point motion," a copy of which was provided</p>
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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of:

- A. Minutes
  - a. March 10 Regular Meeting
- B. Claims Approval

Councilmember Ott referred to page 16 under "Utility Refunds" and asked why Keller Williams was receiving those refunds. Director Tylor said she would provide specifics later after looking into it, but suggested that it may signify that the property is a budget billing account and this represents an annual adjustment, or it could be an escrow settlement.

**COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, moved to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 5/0.**

**PROCLAMATION**

- A. Pierce County READS

Councilmember Ott read aloud the City's proclamation.

Linda Case, representative for Pierce County Library System, thanked the City of Milton for support of the library and the Pierce County READS program, and gave a brief presentation on this year's selection. She also presented 8 copies of the book "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed to the City for the reading enjoyment of city staff and council, after which the books will be returned for general circulation within the Pierce County Library System.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **A. 2013 Financial Results Information**

Finance Director Tylor said that the City's next bi-annual audit will be in the fall, and these numbers will be finalized at that time.

She presented the packet information, explaining the tables and figures in detail.

### **B. 2014 Budget Amending Ordinance #1**

Director Tylor explained that this action is needed so the 2014 beginning fund balance reflects the actual 2013 ending fund balance, now that all numbers are finalized. She provided some clarifying details.

**MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to adopt the attached budget ordinance amending the 2014 Budget.

Attorney Park advised Council of the need for a 2/3 majority vote of the Council body to pass.

**The motion was voted on and passed 5/0.**

### **C. Flood Control District Agreement with Pierce County**

City Administrator Langford explained approval of this item would allow Milton to collect its portion of funds. Director Neal provided further details, and explained that she has requested a copy of the related Pierce County resolution (referred to as Attachment B in the packet materials) but has not received it yet. She clarified that the tax is based on assessed property value.

Councilmember Manley requested advice regarding his legal and moral options for voting on this item. Attorney Park advised him of his options.

Councilmembers, while expressing their continued disappointment with this tax, expressed support for this opportunity to reclaim a portion of the funds to put back into the stormwater system.

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Ott, to approve the Pierce County Flood Control Zone District Interlocal Agreement. Passed 4/0/1 (abstention Manley).

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Ad hoc committee meeting tomorrow evening.
- Interviews for finalists for the positions of Senior Finance Analyst and Public Works Administrative Assistant are this week.
- Finalized the City Clerk/Human Resources Generalist position negotiations, and Katie Bolam will begin in that position on March 31.
- The Police Department clerk's office will be moved to the new space this week.
- Completed the first phase of the new retrofit reflective stop sign program.
- There's been no further damage due to the Alder Street area mudslide. Repairs are going well, and the bids for the permanent drainage fix will be opened in April.

Director Neal announced the good news that the Department of Commerce awarded the City of Milton the full amount requested \$216,000 to convert the city's street lights to LED technology. Councilmembers expressed appreciation.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

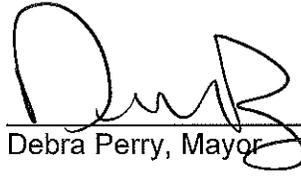
- Councilmember Whalen
  - The new stop signs look great; look like they are suspended in air.
  - Puerto Vallarta is now open.
  - Regarding the sale of Safeway to Albertsons, suggests setting aside related REET funds received for crosswalk improvements.
  - Requests Public Works time allocated for street designs of neighborhood streets, which will assist with future transportation improvements. For example, the City doesn't need the same street on 12<sup>th</sup> as needed on 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Requests that the voucher printout shows the department/fund name instead of just the fund number.
  - Took a tour of the Alder slide area. It is a complex issue, and the repairs will solve serious problems. The emergency was handled quite well.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
  - Unable to attend the ad hoc meeting.
  - Inquired if the City has heard anything back on the capital funding requests, since the Senate has adjourned. (The answer is no, not yet.)
- Councilmember Ott
  - Requests interior repair attention, user expectations review, and code enforcement review of the Community Center, citing a leaky toilet, dirty interior conditions, litter, and street parking.
  - Received a citizen complaint, and requests code enforcement review of street parking on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave/Alder St.
  - Requested update on possibility of moving the street light near 17<sup>th</sup> Ave/Alder St to the corner.
- Councilmember Morton
  - Requests cost savings report on grant money reported on tonight.
- Councilmember Manley
  - Received report from building industry that Milton is a difficult city to develop in.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Interview processes are going very well.
- Employee Glen Baker is working hard on getting the T-ball benches installed on time.
- Not possible to move the backstops, as the ground is too soft closer to trees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED**, seconded by Councilmember Whalen to adjourn. **Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

  
Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Katie Bolam, City Clerk