CITY OF MILTON INCORPORATED 1907

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – May 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regularly-scheduled meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilmembers Whalen, Jones, Ott, Morton, Manley, and Zaroudny

STAFF PRESENT

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

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Mayor Perry added "Rental" as item 8B.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY STAFF

Director Tylor introduced Accounting Supervisor Betty Garrison.

Director Neal introduced Administrative Assistant Clarissa Zahn.

City Administrator Langford introduced Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Marci Mayer, who has been a temporary employee since July and has now been hired full time.

Employees each shared some of her background and answered questions from Council.

PROCLAMATIONS

National Police Week – May 11-17

City Clerk Bolam read the Proclamation into the record. City Administrator Langford added additional information, including an invitation to the Pierce County Police Chiefs Association Annual Memorial Ceremony on May 7 at 6pm at the Clover Park Technical College.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Minutes

a. April 21 Regular Meeting

B. Claims Approval

a. Checks/vouchers numbers 55082-55162 in the amount of $551,177.22

b. Payroll disbursements dated 4/5/14 and 4/20/14 in the amount of $128,576.84.

Councilmember Ott requested information regarding court interpreters.

Councilmember Morton cited concern about possible duplicate billings. Director Tylor explained the utility splits. Mayor Perry brought up that the report in the past specified which fund each amount was allocated to. Director Tylor will add that column back onto the report.

MAYOR PRO TEM TAYLOR MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve the consent agenda. Passed 7/0.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution for Emergency Ratification

Director Neal explained this is a follow-up item to the landslide issue. This ratification is for the emergency work that was not approved prior to the necessary work. Next week, the permanent repair work will begin.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to approve Resolution 14-1847 ratifying the declaration of emergency necessitating the utilization of emergency powers.

Councilmember Morton asked about the cost of the temporary repair; it's not completely finished, but estimated between $50-70,000. When complete, before-and-after photos and the final exact cost will be reported.

Director Neal reported that the temporary repair is holding, even with the recent heavy rains.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24th Ave Ct	Asked for clarity between the two separate repair costs, emergency and final, and asked if prevailing wage is only a consideration for federal funds. Director Neal answered no, all public works projects are subject to prevailing wage laws.

The motion was voted on and passed 7/0.

B. Rental

Mayor Perry explained a letter received from a church looking to rent the Activity Center on Sundays only. Current hourly rates are too expensive; proposal is $1200/month.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor asked if it's appropriate to rent for religious purposes. Attorney Park answered that you treat a religious organization just as you would anyone else; if you reduce the rate for them, then you would follow suit for anyone else. If it's a policy to provide a discount for ongoing rentals, then the criteria can apply to anyone.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Leonard Sanderson	1201 24th Ave Ct	Mission Woods used the center for about 3 years – the city can look up that rental record.

Council expressed openness to this idea, calling it a very appropriate function and a good use of the facility.

Staff will bring back historical use figures and details for cleaning the facility before and after.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Whalen
  - Concerns with parking on Monday nights near the T-ball fields now that T-ball started.
  - Received some EPFD statistics – horrible job staffing the station.
  - EPFD looking to continuing and increasing their maintenance levy.
  - Thanks Milton, especially Director Neal, for the emails announcing what's going on in the City. However small, the information is very helpful.

    - Encourages all to attend the Old Coots on Scoots' spaghetti dinner fundraiser on May 16. This year, sponsoring the Milton Days car show.
    - Tonight's proclamation of National Police Week is extremely important, both to the memory of those past, and for current officers every day.
- Councilmember Jones
    - Thanks Director Neal for email information.
    - Will be absent for next week's meeting – on vacation.
- Councilmember Zaroundny
    - Attended the skate park anniversary celebration. Nice to see support of Event Committee.
- Councilmember Manley
    - None.
- Councilmember Morton
    - The T-ball fields and benches look good. Little League would still like to cut out base runs.
- Councilmember Ott
    - Attended the skate park 10th anniversary – well done. Heard from several sources that the Milton Skate Park is THE place to board.
    - Requested a copy of 2014-2015 city directory.
    - Approached by several individuals regarding the recent water-billing problem; was glad the letter was included. Director Tylor apologized for the error.
    - Requested a study session item for assessing court costs between Milton and Puyallup – Mayor Perry asked Director Tylor to bring back the report shown during the budget season.
    - Asked for clarification regarding the radio frequency change shown in the SS911 report. Chief Langford said the city did receive radio equipment, portable and in-vehicle, from SS911. Currently on 700mhz; will be on 800mhz when migration with Fife is completed.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor
    - Thanks to those who came to Park Appreciation Day, including planning commissioners, park board members, and event committee members.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended Park Appreciation Day – good to get that up-close view of what needs to be done. Good turn-out. Chairman Kent Ross is doing a great job.
- Attended the skate park celebration and the Heather Hills breakfast – both were lots of fun.
- The Clean Air Agency presented to PCCTA – Pierce County is out of compliance (King Co is not), and federal transportation money is at stake. Most wood stoves older than 1995 are out of compliance. Milton's current Clean Air budget is $3200, and fees are rising 47% across the board.
    - Mayor Pro Tem Taylor said there's a buy-back program for wood stoves, and other incentives for upgrading, available at www.AirSafePierceCounty.org.

Councilmember Whalen encouraged councilmembers to review the 4/21/14 minutes of the comprehensive plan and design standards public hearing. He asked staff to show the ramifications of taking the design standards away.

Councilmember Ott said how nice the Veteran's Memorial looks – there were 35 Rangers and 9 VFW members sprucing it up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Whalen/Taylor) – Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk