CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday – May 19, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Perry, Councilmembers Whalen, Ott, Morton, Manley and Zaroudny

Absent Mayor Pro Tem Taylor and Councilmember Jones; Councilmember Zaroudny arrived at 6:45 p.m. –

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to excuse all – **Passed 4/0.**

STAFF PRESENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Perry recessed to Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the regular meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Mayor Perry led the commission of new Reserve Officer Joshua Torgerson.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Address	Comments
City Clerk Bolam read letter from citizen Penny Tesch	402 25th Ave Pl	Letter opposing closure of Birch Ct at 27th Ave.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

A. Minutes

a. May 5, 2014 Regular Meeting

b. May 12, 2014 Study Session

B. Claims Approval

a. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbers 55163-55211 in the amount of $106,744.37.

b. Approval of the payroll disbursements dates 5/5/2014 in the amount of $206,449.90.

C. Vote D.Eidinger to Pierce Transit Board

Councilmember Ott requested clarification for $320.00 under "Council" for AWC, suggesting it should have been charged to "Administration". Yes, per Director Tylor.

Councilmember Morton requested clarification on 2 items:

- $125.00 for red-light camera ticket – Director Tylor assured that the employee has reimbursed the city for that amount.
- $9.00 "on-line payment convenience fee" – Director Tylor will look into that.

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

PROCLAMATION

A. National Public Works Week

City Clerk Bolam read the proclamation into the record.

PUBLIC HEARING

B. Water Capital Improvement Plan

Mayor Perry opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Director Neal explained this is the same information that was presented at the March study session, and briefed council on the details of the proposed plan. The ordinance is scheduled for adoption at the June 2, 2014 meeting.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Perry closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance Amending Access Tract Code

Planner Larson presented this item, reviewing the language amendments.

Councilmember Morton appreciates the drawings and explanations from last week's meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Manley, to adopt the attached ordinance to clarify and amend inconsistent language related to access corridors.

Speaker	Address	Comments
Jacquelyn Whalen	1605 13th Ave	Planning Commissioner, and commenting according to her personal opinion. She upholds the "old ways" – the small town, non-cookie-cutter ways – small homes on large lots. Nature dominates, with less property built-out. We need to change the way we think about our problems. This ordinance will make it possible to build more homes on land then ever before. Provided example using a sheet of plain paper. Asking Council to hold back on approval – give us an opportunity to preserve nature. Other issue is that people should know what they can do right up front – there should be consistency across the board. With the proposed ordinance, access corridors are included in some scenarios and not others; pan-handles are allowed.

Mayor Perry asked Planner Larson if he had some answers to Ms. Whalen's comments at this time. He answered that a full analysis of her comments will take some time and he can report back to Council.

Councilmember Manley asked if this was voted on by the Planning Commission, and with what vote. Planner Larson answered that it was, and the vote was 6-1.

Councilmember Zaroudny said that we should give consideration to Commissioner Whalen's comments, and also to Planner Larson's presentation, until all the points have been thoroughly addressed.

COUNCILMEMBER ZAROUDNY MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to postpone this discussion to the June 16, 2014 Council meeting. **Passed 4/1. (Manley)**

B. Energy Conservation Contract Approval

Director Neal presented this item, explaining that the person with whom the original contract was approved has changed companies; it makes best sense to change the contract to this new company.

COUNCILMEMBER WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to authorize the Mayor to enter into an on-call contract with the engineering firm of DKS Associates for assistance with energy conservation efforts, for a not to exceed maximum of $30,000.

Councilmembers agreed that using the person with the knowledge and experience is a good move.

Passed 5/0.

C. Activity Center Recurring Sunday Rental

Mayor Perry presented this item, explaining that a church has requested recurring Sunday rental time.

Councilmember Zaroudny pointed out that the original letter offered to pay at $300/Sunday rather than the proposed $1200/month, allowing for an additional $1200/year in rental income. Mayor Perry explained a telephone call with the potential renter and the generally accepted method of leasing by the month.

Councilmember Ott requested clarification regarding the cleaning fees. Discussion ensued regarding on-call pay, job descriptions, and flex time.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, to establish a recurring rental of the Activity Center for use on every Sunday morning and evening for a fee of $1,200/month." **Passed 5/0.**

D. IT Needs – Continued discussion

City Administrator Langford and Director Tylor gave a brief overview of IT needs and options being explored. Hardware issues (servers and work stations) are in pretty good shape, with some expansion is needed in the next 12-24 months; infrastructure (cabling, firewalls, email security, etc) updates needed; maintenance and support are needed. She explained the allocation of funds for IT servicing.

Some discussion ensued.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Process for the permanent replacement of Police Chief has begun – shared tentative timeline.
- Wellness Committee's Poker Walk is this Thursday – all Council invited and encouraged to attend if available.
- All-employee meeting on 5/29 to kick-off of a character-based training, which works to support the Mayor's goal of a satisfied and productive workforce, and will earn points for the Wellness Program.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilmember Zaroundny
    - No report.
- Councilmember Manley
    - Patience and politeness of Officer Peterson during a recent ride-along is to be commended.
    - Regarding the access tract discussion – We're making it difficult for property owners to do what they want with their property. We have an educated planner and the planning commission's vote. We need not be swayed by one person's opinion.
- Councilmember Morton
    - Have attended the Poker Walk in the past and enjoyed it, but unable to attend this year due to daytime obligations.
- Councilmember Ott
    - Handed out email copy from Jim Reno. (Mayor Perry said that an explanatory email from Director Neal was sent to Council.)
    - Memorial Day event at the VFW Memorial – all invited and encouraged to attend.
    - Request for study session item on janitorial services.
- Councilmember Whalen
    - EPFD statistics from April – staffed at 7% – some people waiting 12-14 minutes for an aid-car. Suggests that another discussion is in order, or perhaps a subcommittee may be necessary. They still fail to provide service to the citizens of Milton and to the volunteers.
    - T-Ball fields – foreseeing parking problems, as he noticed Little League people using the Community Center parking lot.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Received a phone call from Judge Allen – she is running for District Court. If she wins election, Milton will need to hire a new judge.
- The planning department sends the Mayor a work summary monthly – things are picking up with many things on the horizon.
    - Councilmember Whalen requests report updates from the planning department.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Bolam, City Clerk