



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Whalen led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Whitaker, White, Peretti, Ceder, Strader, Hall and Whalen.

STAFF PRESENT

Finance Director Robbecke, Public Works Director Madden, Police Chief Hernandez, Planning Manager Stahlnecker, and City Clerk Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Jacki Strader, 13th Ave- Commenting on item 6B. The Electric Supervisor resigned in November 2021 and was given significant pay bump shortly after to stay. Would like Council to consider this when reviewing the pay increase amendment for the Utility Supervisor. The Electric utility wage scale is way out of proportion on the pay scale, whereas all other wages are 5% apart. Just wanted to bring this to Council's attention.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. March 6, 2023, Council Meeting
 - ii. March 9, 2023, Council Retreat
 - iii. March 13, 2023, Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 71608 to 71677 in the amount of \$220,015.00.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement for March 5, 2023, in the amount of \$253,783.85.

- c. Contracts and Plan Approval:
 - i. Legal Services Contract
 - ii. Blake Amendment to Judge Allen Professional Services Agreement
 - iii. Park Board Work Plan

MOTION (Peretti/Whitaker) “to approve the Consent Agenda.” **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Gray & Osborne On-Call Engineering Services Amendment Approval

Public Works Director Madden introduced this item to Council. The City Engineer position remains unfilled and there is not qualified staff to provide said services so it is necessary to expand the on-call Professional Services Agreement with Gray & Osborne to provide engineering assistance to current and anticipated projects. This amendment is #3 and it is for \$200,000.00 bringing the total of the agreement to \$400,000.00 since December 2020. City Council approval is required for amendments over 20% of Professional Services Agreement amount.

Council inquired about whether having an on-call saves or costs the city and clarified that this amendment is for a period of almost three years. They also inquired about the additional 1200 hours this amendment provides the city.

MOTION (Ceder/Whitaker) “move to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$200,000.00 to the Professional Services Agreement with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for on-call engineering services and increasing the agreed total amount payable to \$400,000.00.” **Passed 7/0**

B. 2023 Budget Amendment #1

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item to Council. The most recent IBEW contract was negotiated without wages and it was agreed at that time that either party could bring forward any labor management issues that they had. IBEW brought forward the Utility Supervisor wage. The Utility Supervisor has 10 more employees, 4 more departments, 3 certification requirements and 20 more CIP projects this year alone as compared to the Electric Supervisor. The union has requested that the Utility Supervisor be brought up to the Electric Supervisor wage at the bare minimum. In the city’s research, we found this wage would be comparable to a Water Supervisor who oversaw just operations. Our current Water Supervisor oversees more than just operations.

Mayor Styron Sherrell respectfully disagreed with public comment regarding the Electric Supervisor wage and why he received it. The matter was an HR matter and Mayor isn’t comfortable discussing it. Mayor stated that we should have made changes to the pay scale grades and will look into that. This item will come back to Council in the consent agenda at the next meeting.

Council inquired whether this would cause other employees to come forward for increases and also asked to see the comparables for this position.

C. ADU Draft Ordinance 2063-23 Discussion

Planning Manager Stahlnecker presented this item to Council. At the last meeting this was discussed on March 6th, it was agreed this would come back for more discussion. Planning Manager Stahlnecker would like direction from Council on the maximum height and impact fees tonight. Council would like to look into assessing impact fees differently on new builds vs conversion of ADU's in an existing dwelling. This agenda item will come back to the April 3rd meeting based on Council directives.

Council had lengthy discussions on impact fees, the definition of habitable and the management of ADU's in the event they are sold.

D. Water Rate Adjustment Discussion

Public Works Director Madden presented this item to Council. Director Madden did a recap of the presentation that was given to Council on March 6th. The different rate scenarios were discussed, and Council was asked how they would like this to move forward considering the scenarios. Council is in favor of scenario 2B that was presented to them, which provides for higher rates for out-of-city customers and covers operating costs and debt services for the city. This item will come back to council on April 10th.

Council had lengthy discussion of the costs of providing water outside Milton and what that entails.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker-

- Tomorrow is first day of Spring!

Councilmember White-

- Nothing to add.

Mayor Pro Tem Peretti-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Ceder-

- It was announced at PCRC that there will be a summit on March 23rd to discuss the opioid settlement issue. All are welcome to attend. It would be a worthwhile event.

Councilmember Strader-

- Nothing to add.

Councilmember Hall-

- Concerned that she's finding beer cans regularly all the way down 11th, up Emerald and making a left on 23rd. The cans are in ditches and trees and it's concerning because they appear to be drinking and driving while people are walking all around the area in the afternoon.

Councilmember Whalen-

- Porter and 5th Avenue – would like an update on that project.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Public Works Director Madden-

- Bridge Point will be at the Study Session on April 10th to update council on the schedule and what is happening on the project.
- Starting July 15th, full closure of 5th Avenue will take place due to the work window in the water during that time.

Police Chief Hernandez-

- Grocery Outlet owner tried to apprehend shoplifters and got dragged into a car. An employee came out and was able to get her loose with pepper spray.
- Kudos to Officer Sarff whose quick actions during his lunchtime helped apprehend two stolen cars at Safeway.
- We are getting more DUI's and more DUI collisions. The state is getting more DUI's as well.

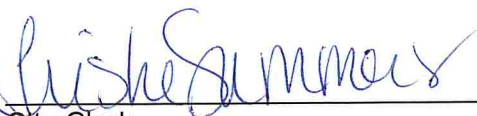
MAYOR'S REPORT

- Notification is going out tomorrow morning, but phones are going down tomorrow from 8-Noon. We are still available via email and website will still be working.

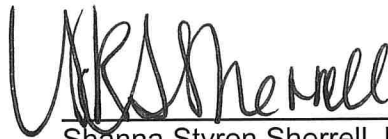
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor