



Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, Councilmembers Ott, Morton, Boyle, Bennest and Manley

Absent: Councilmember Johnson – **MOTION TO EXCUSE** (Morton/Whalen) – **Passed 6/0.**

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, Public Works Director Peretti, City Attorney Cameron, City Engineer Howlett, and City Clerk Bolam

PRESENTATION

Girl Scouts thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to sell Cookies.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Christy Dean	On behalf of the Police Foundation, announced that tickets are available for the annual Police Foundation Dinner. Officer sponsorships are available as well.
Jacquelyn Whalen	Thank you to public safety for recent safety efforts. Encourages the City to begin using a line-numbering system for Council packets – example handed to Clerk

PRESENTATION

Murrey's/DM Disposal Milton Day Sponsorship – Event Committee Chair April Balsley introduced Mark Gingrich with DM Disposal, who presented the City with a Sponsorship Check for the 2017 Milton Days event.

Mayor and Council thanked Mark for the historical partnership of Murrey's/DM Disposal with the City of Milton in general and Milton Days specifically.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:
 - 1. February 21, 2016 – Regular Meeting
 - 2. February 21, 2016 – Special Meeting
- B. Claims Approval:
 - 1. Approval of checks/vouchers numbered 60971-61037 in the amount of \$432,309.05.
 - 2. Approval of the payroll disbursements of 2/20/2017, and related checks numbered 60958-60970 in the amount of \$179,544.93.

MAYOR PRO TEM WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 6/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance 1st Read – Water Utility Rate Increase

Director Garrison explained this annual action in compliance with city code. Council expressed the importance of keeping to small, reasonable increases in step with inflation, to avoid larger increases.

B. Ordinance 1st Read – Electric Utility Rate Increase

Director Garrison explained this annual action in compliance with city code. Council expressed the importance of keeping to small, reasonable increases in step with inflation, to avoid larger increases. Council requested information on BPA's proposed increase – City Engineer Howlett explained their fiscal year begins October 1, so their increase won't be decided or announced until summer.

C. Ordinance 1st Read – Electric Utility Net Metering

City Engineer Howlett explained the need for this ordinance in compliance with state law. Director Peretti explained how the new meters support the net metering process.

D. Contract Discussion – East Pierce Fire District

Chief Hernandez explained that this is presented to Council at the request of Council, with an updated Lease Agreement to show full square footage and market rate rent.

Council comments included:

- This is on the right track to put together a solid agreement that moves toward cost recovery
- Take time over next week and talk about it more specifically at next week's study session

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Ott

- Mentioned increases in pass-through traffic patterns – specific concern regarding 2011 study in school zones and the possibility of cameras there – other Councilmembers echoed the need to look at that again

Councilmember Boyle

- Encourage attendance to the Police Foundation dinner

Councilmember Bennest

- Thank you to Mayor and staff for work accomplished over recent several months

Councilmember Manley

- Thank you to Kendra Dixon for extensive community involvement

Councilmember Morton

- Noticing brighter lights on the newer side of Milton Way – would like to see consistency
- Recognized The Mill restaurant – exciting to see that coming
- Noticed that the school zone has gotten shorter – Director Howlett explained the current measurements are in compliance with state law
- Kudos to Public Works during all the increment weather conditions
- Uptick in criminal activity in our community and surrounding communities – be diligent!

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen

- Would like to see a new street sweeper for proper street maintenance

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Highlighted recent staff changes
- Attended Economic Development Board luncheon – lots of interesting statistics
- Attended the 2060/2163 Steering Committee, awarding low income housing funds
- Pierce County Cities & Towns meeting last week – presentation on legislative actions – budget is sweeping away funding to local jurisdictions

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk