



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 6, 2018
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Hutson, Councilmembers Whitaker, Tompkins, Johnson, Morton, Whalen and Ott

STAFF PRESENT

Attorney Daniel Kenny, Public Safety Administrator Hernandez, Public Works Director Howlett, Finance Director Dunford, Public Works Operations Superintendent Barnhart and Surface Water Compliance Inspector Carter

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Sherrell read a proclamation designating August 7, 2018 the 35th Annual National Night Out.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. July 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 63865 to 63953 in the amount of \$522,035.55.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of July 20, 2018 in the amount of \$195,926.84.

MOTION (Morton/Whalen) to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 7/0.**

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Emrick Street Vacation Resolution for Public Hearing

Explanation of this item was given by Surface Water Compliance Inspector Jamie Carter. The unopened right of way is of no use to the City. A Public Hearing needs to be held in order to complete the vacation process.

Councilmembers commented that it makes sense to do this if the city isn't using the property.

MOTION (Hutson/Whalen) "to pass a Resolution setting a public hearing for September 4, 2018 for vacating a portion of the right-of-way no longer necessary for 11th Ave. north of Diamond St." **Passed 7/0**

B. Wittman Street Vacation Resolution for Public Hearing

Explanation of this item was given by Surface Water Compliance Inspector Jamie Carter. The unopened right of way is of no use to the City. A Public Hearing needs to be held in order to complete the vacation process.

Councilmembers, again, agreed this makes sense.

MOTION (Morton/Whitaker) "to pass a Resolution setting a public hearing for September 4, 2018 for vacating a portion of the right-of-way no longer necessary for Diamond St. immediately west of 11th Ave" **Passed 7/0.**

C. Budget Amendment Ordinance

Finance Director Dunford gave an overview of the amendments needed to increase public safety budget, increase property tax revenue and increase insurance recoveries revenue. Dunford explained the increase in property tax revenue will aid in funding another police officer.

Chief Hernandez explained that the eighth officer could be added with this increased revenue and bring the department back up to 2012 levels. Hernandez does have an applicant he would like to extend an offer of employment to if this funding is approved.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to Dunford for delving into the finances and finding this under reported property tax revenue and they are very excited to add this additional officer.

MOTION (Tompkins/Whalen) "to adopt Ordinance 1945-18 amending the 2018 budget and the monthly wage scale as outlined in Exhibits A, B and C" **Passed 7/0.**

D. Powerline Tree Trimming Contract

Public Works Operations Superintendent Barnhart explained this item as the city's ongoing effort to maintain and protect the electrical system through a systematic approach to line clearance tree trimming.

Councilmembers had some questions about how far the city can go onto private property to trim trees. Superintendent Barnhart will supply that information to council.

MOTION (Whalen/Johnson) "to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Wright Tree Service, Inc. to perform tree trimming activities for the City of Milton." **Passed 7/0**

E. SCADA Upgrade Contract

Public Works Superintendent Barnhart explained that the software and operating systems the city is currently using are no longer compatible with the current versions on which the City's SCADA systems runs. An upgrade is necessary for gathering historical information and monitoring the city's water system.

Councilmembers provided comments of agreement.

MOTION (Morton/Whalen) "to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Parametrix Engineering, Planning and Environmental Sciences for \$30,499.44 to perform upgrades to the City of Milton's computer-based water control system known as SCADA." **Passed 7/0**

F. City Wide Miscellaneous Stormwater Improvements

Stormwater Compliance Inspector Jamie Carter explained this item and the need for maintenance of the city's ditches to maintain trouble free conveyance and treatment of stormwater.

Council agreed with this need and is happy to see this being done.

MOTION (Ott, Morton) "to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Cannon Construction for \$61,300 for stormwater improvements."

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker

- Would like to encourage all to attend National Night Out.

Councilmember Morton

- New windows look great.
- Page numbers in tonight's packet are missing a few.

Councilmember Ott

- Asked Frances Hall to show council her new volunteer uniform.
- Good Job Director Dunford for all your hard work!
- Would like to see some fines in place for continued nuisance calls for alcohol theft at a local store.

Councilmember Tompkins

- Any discussion concerning long lights on Milton Way?

- Will be selling raffle tickets at National Night Out and at Safeway before Milton Days

Councilmember Whalen

- Come to National Night Out, it's a good time
- Milton Lodge is now Open
- Would like to see speed on Hwy 99 reduced
- Milton Days is coming!

Councilmember Johnson

- Would like to have the city research if another water tank is needed and if so could there be two together so no need to acquire more property.
- Thank you to Chief Hernandez for the idea of police volunteers
- Would like to see speed limit on Hwy 99 reduced to 35
- Thanks to Officer Johnson for helping with National Night Out

Mayor Pro Tem Hutson

- Would like to see a code change to add a fine when nuisance calls reach a certain level to vet out those calls.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Public Works Director Howlett

- Working with Pierce County on the signals on Milton Way
- Windows are being replaced and trim is soon to follow
- HVAC at Public Works Operations is currently under construction
- City Hall LED lighting coming soon
- Contracts for asphalt and concrete replacement in parking lot has been scheduled
- Replacement of guardrail on Milton Way will be coming soon, paperwork has been signed
- Well 10 under construction
- Decant facility construction starting soon
- Relocation of post office drop box is being worked on. Voter and Utility boxes are in place.
- Gathering bids for the Oak Street/16th Avenue sidewalk project
- Finalizing prioritization of streets for miscellaneous asphalt overlay project
- Ballfield dirt project is proceeding well

Finance Director Dunford

- Cost study for payroll is complete and results were in line with budget.
- New and streamlined reports are coming for 2019.

Public Safety Administrator Hernandez

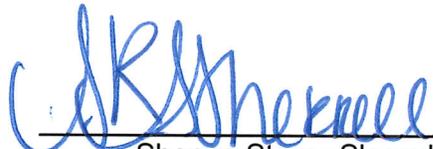
- Updated council on various cases and incidents that have been happening in Milton
- Rey Nitsche has been hired as an Officer
- Will extend offer to another Officer tonight based on council approval of budget amendment
- Thank you to the "team" for all their hard work

MAYOR'S REPORT

There are raffle tickets for sale for the 50/50 for Milton Days. Don't forget to vote! The ballot drop box makes it a little easier for all. Bloodmobile will be here tomorrow from 9-3. Come by and donate!

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

