



Regular Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2019
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, City Administrator Black, Finance Director Dunford, Public Works Operations Superintendent Sloan and City Clerk Trisha Summers.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

MOTION(Hutson/Tompkins) “to move item 7B to discuss at the upcoming April 8th study session”
Failed 4, 3

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Tom Boyle	Sorry he was not able to attend the council retreat and didn't find the minutes on it. In terms of term limits - in 2017 existing staff ran operations. Has researched City Manager/Council form of government and would like council to consider for the 2021 election. The Community Building is the only facility where kids can play outside, and others can be inside. We have all dropped the ball on keeping up with repairs to our facilities. Would like the city to check the grant for parking lot to make sure it can be surplus and there are no stipulations.

Jim Gillespie	<p>Thank you to police department for their swift action and quick support on recent crime at Cobalt Storage.</p> <p>There is a diaper competition going on between Milton, Edgewood and Fife. The diaper drive benefits homeless children in shelters. There are drop off locations around the city also.</p> <p>Are there safety issues at the Community Center like carpeting coming up or hazards besides the ADA ramp? It is ready to be demolished?</p>
Jack Chandler	<p>Caught off guard with anything happening to the Community Building. He feels the city has been negligent in the past with maintaining their property. Thinks the numbers are too high for repairs and maintenance items. Why would the city put an impervious driveway in at that facility if they weren't going to keep it?</p>
Richard Cosner	<p>Would like to see the Community Building repaired or replaced. The building has been overlooked and the parking lot is worth more than the building. Would like to see about engaging non-profits to help repair.</p>
Frances Hall	<p>Wants everyone in Milton to vote on their Mayor, not 7 people.</p>
Claire Berry & Kimberly Yee	<p>Explained their use of the Activity Center for yoga and fitness for the community. They would like to continue providing services to the community but are worried that if rental costs increase, they may have to either raise their rates or change the discounts they provide.</p>

PRESENTATION

Swearing in of Police and Volunteers

Mayor Styron Sherrell swore Richard Cosner and Frances Hall in as Police Volunteers and Patrick Donovan and Rey Nitsche as Police Officers.

Council took a short recess to have photos taken and cake with residents and newly sworn in officers and volunteers.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Check Approval Process

- a. Minutes Approval:
 - i. February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Claims Approval:
 - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 64921 to 64979 in the amount of \$171,788.65.
 - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of February 20, 2019 in the amount of \$190,304.94.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Water Rate Increase- Ordinance 1st Read

Explanation of this item was given by Finance Director Dunford.

The City is suggesting an increase to water rates based on CPI which was 3.3% in June 2018. This is a standard budget increase to begin in May 2019.

Council agreed that using CPI makes sense and that the increase is modest and appropriate.

B. Surplus Community Building

Mayor Styron Sherrell presented this item. This item discussed at length at the council retreat earlier this year. There are major repair and maintenance expenses needing to be done at the Community Center in order to keep renting it out. The facility does not generate enough revenue to warrant the amount of money that needs to be put into it. There are a few groups that meet in the Community Center that will be offered an alternate meeting area, they will not lose their meeting spot.

Councilmember Whalen stated that the city cannot continue to subsidize the building and there just aren't enough resources to maintain it.

Councilmember Johnson stated that the building keeps decreasing in value. The park and 911 Memorial need parking. This is a hard decision and one not to take lightly when the facility has been used by so many.

Councilmember Hutson had questions regarding funding for the purchase of the Community building and whether it was tied to a grant or not. He would like to know how much revenue the city expects to get from its sale and if any of the items slated for replacement could be removed from the list. Mr. Hutson also would like to know the "big picture" idea for this space. He thought this would be coming to a study session to plan better and to talk about where the groups currently using it will be meeting.

Councilmember Tompkins inquired whether the repairs could be done in increments rather than all at once. She stated that she believes the building isn't used to make a profit but for providing a service to the community.

Councilmember Ott isn't ready to surplus the building and doesn't think repairs need to be done all at once. Mr. Ott inquired about what the plan was for the space and about how much money has been spent renovating office space in fire station.

Councilmember Whitaker stated that it would be nice to know next steps before surplussing and inquired whether grants are available for repairs and upgrades to the facility.

Councilmember Morton is intrigued by councils comments because he thought they were all on the same page and in agreement with surplussing the building. Mr. Morton doesn't think the fence or AC need to be repaired/upgraded but also doesn't agree with putting a roof on the

building until it has been decided whether it is being surplussed or not. Agrees with moving the subject to a study session.

MOTION (Ott/Tompkins) “to table surplus of Community Building until the study session on April 8th.” **Passed 7/0.**

MOTION (Johnson/Tompkins) “to extend meeting until 9:30pm” **Passed 7/0**

C. Fee Schedule Update – Resolution 19-1918

Finance Director Dunford gave an overview of the fee schedule update. The fee schedule was updated to remove fees for the Community Building and update rates for the Activity Center and allow for individual rooms to be rented.

Councilmembers had some discussion about rental rates for recurring activities and how non profit programs will be charged. Council expressed the desire to “grandfather” in existing recurring renters so as not to lose them.

MOTION (Whalen/Johnson) “to approve Resolution 19-1918, adopting the fee schedule as presented and amending to retain the Community Building rates on page 3, section III.” **Passed 4,3**

MOTION (Ott/Tompkins) “to extend meeting until 9:40pm” **Passed 7/0**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Whitaker

- Thank you, Police Officers and Volunteers

Councilmember Morton

- Nothing to add

Councilmember Ott

- Would like to know money spent on new offices at the fire station.

Councilmember Tompkins

- Police Foundation event is Wednesday, March 13th. Tickets available.

Councilmember Whalen

- FCC ruling on small cells are impacting city

Councilmember Johnson

- PCRC Small City position is open for zoos

Mayor Pro Tem Hutson

- Milton Police banquet on March 13th. Tickets are on sale now.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Due to the late hour of the council meeting, Director's Reports will not be given.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The City has two openings currently, please check website.
- Diaper Drive going on now!
- Reminder about Stuff A Purse event
- Fife High Booster Club Dinner is March 9th

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

