



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, May 20, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Styron Sherrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Whitaker 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, Finance Director Dunford, Public Works Operations Superintendent Sloan, Surface Water Compliance Inspector Carter and City Clerk Trisha Summers

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

| <b>Speaker</b>   | <b>Comments</b>   |
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| Jim Gillespie    | Operation Clean City/Green City will be July 13 <sup>th</sup> this year. WSDOT has a new coordinator and the garbage will be moved to the transfer station this year instead of along the roadway like last year. |
| Richard Cosner   | Would like to see a bulletin board along Milton Way for citizens to be able to get more info from the city. Would like to see pictures as well.   |
| Jacquelyn Whalen | The May 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting had lots of chaos! Council missed the opportunity to use Roberts Rules of Order "Point of Order". Would appreciate order at the meetings so all can be respected.                 |

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Reappointment to the Planning Commission**

Mayor Sherrell explained that Alan Sweat has been serving on the Planning Commission and the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Sweat is an asset for the city, and he would like to continue serving.

Councilmembers thanked Alan for his service and told him they appreciated his willingness to continue to serve.

**MOTION** (Whalen/Tompkins) to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Alan Sweat to the Planning Commission for a term to expire May 31, 2025. **Passed 7/0**

### **B. Reappointment to the Events Committee**

Mayor Sherrell explained that Alicia Bennest has been a citizen of Milton for 14 years and has served on the Events Committee for many years also. Alicia would like to continue serving the Events Committee for another four years.

Councilmembers thanked Alicia for her work on the committee and welcome her back for another four- year term!

**MOTION** (Tompkins/Johnson) to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Alicia Bennest to the Events Committee for a term to expire May 31, 2023. **Passed 7/0**

## **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Sherrell read the Proclamation for National Public Works Week 2019 and thanked the Public Works group for their service to Milton.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Check Approval Process**

- a. Minutes Approval:
  - i. May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - ii. May 13, 2019 Study Session
- b. Claims Approval:
  - i. Approval of the checks/vouchers/disbursements numbered 65238 to 65310 in the amount of \$500,629.91.
  - ii. Approval of the payroll disbursement of May 3, 2019 in the amount of \$210,850.18.

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **A. Hill Creek Annexation – Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Read**

This item has been covered in Public Hearings and previous Council meetings.

Councilmembers commented that this item has been before the Council several times and the annexation will be a benefit to the City. Council is happy to have Hill Creek to the city.

**MOTION** (Ott/Johnson) “to approve Ordinance 1965-19, pertaining to Hill Creek Annexation.” **Passed 7/0.**

### **B. Well #5 Replacement**

Public Works Superintendent Sloan presented this item explaining that Well #5 has reached the end of its life and that the expense for design for drilling, construction and testing of well #5 have been planned for in the 2019 budget in the Water Capital Expenditures fund.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions regarding the depth, testing, production and cost of the current well. It was said that reports have been done on the well a couple years ago and that staff should review the report again.

**MOTION** (Morton/Whalen) “to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with Robinson Noble not to exceed \$52,200 for the design for drilling, construction and testing of Well #5 to be paid from the Water Capital Expenditures fund.” **Passed 7/0.**

### **C. Electric Department Truck**

Public Works Superintendent Sloan explained that the current Electric crew truck is at the end of its service life. The vehicle is currently parked and not usable. The replacement of the engine would exceed the price of the truck.

Councilmembers asked about surplussing the truck and what the value of it is and whether a used truck was looked at to purchase. Council also inquired about any further fabrication needed on the vehicle.

**MOTION** (Whalen/Morton) “to approve the purchase of a new Crew/Service truck from Jet Chevrolet from the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Contract in an amount not to exceed \$39,987.82 and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to execute the contracts.” **Passed 7/0.**

**D. Budget Amendment Ordinance 1966-19 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> read**

Finance Director Dunford explained this item in detail regarding the proposed budget amendment items and answered Council questions about them.

Councilmembers thanked Dunford for the easy explanation and inquired about whether any of the extra REET money could be spent on needs for the community building.

**MOTION** (Ott/Whalen) “to adopt Ordinance 1966-19 amending the 2019 budget as outlined in Exhibit A.” **Passed 7/0.**

**E. Leak Adjustment Ordinance 1967-19 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> read**

Finance Director Dunford explained this item and explained that the new Ordinance proposes that leaks be repaired within 30 days of when the City notifies the customer in order for customer to qualify for the leak credit adjustment. In some cases, the Public Works Director will be able to grant additional time but only on a case by case basis.

Councilmembers stated that this makes a lot of sense and that they are in full support of this fair change.

**MOTION** (Whitaker/Morton) “to adopt Ordinance 1967-19 amending Milton Municipal Code section 13.28.050-water leak adjustments.” **Passed 7/0.**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Whitaker

- Thanked Al Sweat & Alicia Bennest for their continued volunteerism.
- Fund explanations would be nice to have at the budget retreat.

Councilmember Morton

- Thanks, and congrats to the volunteers for their reappointment.
- Congrats to all candidates running for election.
- Welcome back to Mayor Pro Tem from your travels.

Councilmember Ott

- Memorial Day celebration May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- Prayers go out to Mary Tompkins and family.
- Lots of good things happening in vacant buildings.
- Welcome back to Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Tompkins

- Thank you to the volunteers for continuing to help the city.
- Thank you for your prayers, my family and I appreciate them.
- Agrees 100% with Jacquelyn Whalen on “Point of Order”, appreciates everyone and working well together.

Councilmember Whalen

- My heart is out to you, Mary.
- Alder Ridge is opening May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There are graffiti and garbage issues all over the city and would like to see something done with it.
- 15<sup>th</sup> & Oak having parking issues due to park use.

Councilmember Johnson

- Mary, my heart is with you.
- Pierce County citizen action board would like me to run again. With council's blessing, I will continue.
- Would like to see Milton hold onto density and adhere to MMC code and not change to the 35-foot height restriction.
- Is there a drone policy in Milton?
- Would like to see a sub-committee to evaluate programs being offered by the city.
- Milton is no longer a well city. Would like to see that change.
- When will we see traffic study?

Mayor Pro Tem Hutson

- Appreciation to Alan and Alicia
- Memorial Day celebration don't forget!
- Glass recycling, are we required to have? If so, what about somewhere that is under surveillance.
- Traffic circles, traffic circles, traffic circles.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Police Chief Hernandez

- Burglary to Medical Building on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- New Officer starts May 28<sup>th</sup>
- All vacant positions are full

Finance Director Dunford

- Working on bank loan for substation project
- Asked council to be thinking about ideas and plans for the upcoming budget retreat

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- City Hall will be closed May 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day
- Attended ribbon cutting at Alder Ridge. They are very grateful to be home and to the city for their support.
- Jamie Carter has been promoted to City Engineer.
- Senior lunch is still on Wednesday and is open to all.
- Pinochle is still on Monday afternoons
- Looking into Youth programs for during the week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

  
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Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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City Clerk