

CITY OF MILROY

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Council Members Brooks, Olson and Zwach. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Snyder, Public Works Director Duscher, and Fire Chief Krueger. Guests Present: Kent Miller, Jeff and Sharri VanDeWiele and Sue Thooft(6:25pm)

MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 18, 2023, Regular City Council minutes was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Claims Payable
- Milroy Fire Relief Gambling Permit

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Olson, second by Zwach. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1-2024 Annual Designations

Resolution #2-2024 EFT/Automated payments

Resolution #3-2024 City Council Code of Conduct

Resolution #4-2024 Appointing Election Judges

Motion to approve these four resolutions was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

REPORTS & REQUESTS

Fire Chief Krueger went over his report which was included in the packet. The picnic/raffle will be held June 17, 2024, in the Milroy City Park. They will again be applying for a FEMA grant. The department would also like to use some of the Public Assistance funds for a smoke machine and TV. Motion to approve Joe Kern as a new member to the fire department once training is complete was made by Olson, second by Zwach. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase a 55" TV for training was made by Olson, second by Zwach. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase a smoke machine from Heiman Fire for \$805.00 was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Duscher updated the council on the speed signs, tractor repairs and well #6 repairs. He will be attending the MN Rural Water Conference March 5 – 7, 2024 in St. Cloud.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mower trade/purchase will be tabled until the February meeting due to not having a complete council.

The Earned Safe and Sick Time (ESST) updated policy was reviewed as written. Motion to approve the policy and to update the personnel policy was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

No council members will be attending the Newly Elected Officials training this year.

Implementing a rental ordinance was discussed. No implementation of an Ordinance will be done at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Hiring a new city attorney was discussed. The proposal from Quarnstrom & Doering was reviewed. Their hourly rate would be \$165.00 with no travel time costs to and from council meetings. The current city attorney Passe & Whitmore charges \$175.00 an hour plus travel time. Motion to approve the hiring Quarnstrom & Doering Law Firm representative Matt Gross was made by Brooks, second by Olson. Motion carried. Mr. Gross will be invited to the February meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

- February 19 – President’s Day Observed – City Office Closed
- February 26 – City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

Approved this 26th day of February 2024.

Betsy Snyder, City Clerk/Treasurer