

MILROY CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sik called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Present: Sik, Christensen, Haken, Miller and Olson.

Staff in attendance: Clerk/Treasurer Snyder and Public Works Director Duscher.

Guests: Sharri VanDeWiele, Mary Dahmes, Kelsi Miller and Tom Marks.

APPROVE AGENDA

Christensen/Miller unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

GUESTS

Rebecca Towne, Auditor from Kinner & Company was present to go over the 2024 financial statements and supporting documents. She was asked by the clerk to explain that there is no misuse of funds. Christensen asked how much cash was taken in by the city in 2024. That is not a question for her, but the clerk. This will be provided in the April packet. She then left the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Miller/Olson unanimous to approve the consent agenda as presented.

a. February 24, 2025, Regular Council minutes.

b. Claims Payable (check #12756 - #12768) for \$10,584.69, and electronic payments for \$24,077.63.

c. Land Use Permit #1-2025

d. Land Use Permit #2-2025

REPORTS

FIRE – No sections will be added to the current contracts.

PUBLIC WORKS – The speed sign subscription is ending. The cost of the subscription is \$900.00 per year and the city does not need this for the signs to operate. The subscription will not be renewed. The zero-turn mower was delivered today. Crack filling will be done mid-summer or early fall.

Miller/Olson unanimous to approve the attendance of the Public Works Director and Clerk/Treasurer to attend the Safety and Loss Control Workshop in Springfield, April 2, 2025.

COUNCIL – Mayor Sik asked if her keys were made. Once the council approves the key policy, she will then get the keys. Councilmember Olson asked about the unlicensed vehicles that have not been moved within city limits. These residents have been sent letters. The next step would be to send another letter saying a ticket will be issued if the vehicle is not moved within a stated amount of time. Options were discussed as there are more than these two properties with nuisances. The most important thing for the council is to be consistent with nuisance letters and procedures. The City Ordinance will be looked at for parking and apartments spaces and this will be in the April packet.

Councilmember Miller wanted to know why the packets were not sent out before Monday 4/24/25. It was explained that the Clerk/treasurer was planning to do this once she returned from conference on Friday, but Mayor Sik said it could wait until Monday to eliminate any overtime. He did not appreciate the late packet as he likes to review over the weekend and be prepared for the meeting. Miller also questioned being included in a mass text of all council, some denied receiving this text even though their numbers were listed as receiving. This is a violation of the open meeting law.

CLERK/TREASURER – She has received complaints about the semi which has been parking in front of the city park. It smells, plus it is in an unsafe spot so close to the park where there are children playing. The city will investigate this again to see what if anything could be done to end the parking by the park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Christensen/Olson to approve the key policy as drafted. Christensen/Olson/Sik approved. Haken/Miller opposed. Majority rules, motion carried.

Fixing or selling the EDA apartments was discussed. The value of these will be asked at the Board of Equalization meeting on 4/7/2025.

Christensen/Olson unanimous to buy an iPad to read the water meters remotely and spend up to \$300.00 if possible.

Having garden plots available for rent for residents will not be done due to lack of interest but will be revisited in the future.

The equipment list was reviewed, and this will be brought back at budget time.

The security camera policy that is currently in place was in the packet. The city does have a third party if footage is requested. Currently footage is saved for 19 days on site. If the council wants to see a certain day and time, can they pull it physically? This can be done, and it can be played back onto a laptop, once a data request is filled out.

The tennis courts/pickle ball courts were discussed. Resurfacing the courts should be done due to the unevenness. Purchasing some portable items for pickle ball has been looked into as well. Grants are available but those windows were missed for this year. The city insurance agent will be contacted regarding the liability to the city if left unlocked and allowed individuals to use.

Utility billing history/fees/budget was discussed. Councilmember Miller passed out some information from a few other cities. Gallon usage and having a price scale was discussed. Information of usage for the city will be put into the April packet.

Haken/ Olson unanimous to pay out the accrued PTO for employees Dean Duscher and Betsy Snyder as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

The complaints received about individual council members and their actions at council meetings were in the packet with the redaction of the people complaining. Council members would like not to redact any complaints, and the Clerk/Treasurer stated that this cannot be done. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to no longer redact complaints; it was explained that this should be investigated prior to any motion. Mayor Sik wants to check with the city attorney about redacting prior to answering any complaints against her. Councilmember Olson did react to his complaints about voting, funds, listening at meetings and mulch. Basically, he stated he does not want to spend money. Councilmember Christensen reacted to his complaints of inappropriate behavior, swearing and the fact that he says it doesn't matter to me I am leaving soon.

Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for June 6,7,8, 2025.

Olson/Haken unanimous to cash in the CD when it matures and put into the general savings account.

The city map and farming of city property was discussed. Mayor Sik did speak with one of the individuals and they believe they have an easement. The clerk will investigate the old files to see what can be found there. This will be on the August agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kelsi Miller then addressed the council about her disappointment with the lack of interest in the garden plots and further development of the city.

Mary Dahmes commended the council for listening to the issue regarding the parking of semi's by the city park.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

- April 7 – Board of Equalization Meeting
- April 28 – City Council Meeting

After the adjournment of the meeting, a tour of the city shop will be done.

ADJOURN

Christensen/Olson unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approved on this 28th day of April 2025.

Betsy Snyder, City Clerk/Treasurer