

CITY OF MILROY

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024, rescheduled from March 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Weber, Council Members Brooks, Christensen, Olson and Zwach. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Snyder, Public Works Director Duscher and City Auditor Rebecca Towne, Kinner and Company. Guests Present: Kent Miller, Sharri VanDeWiele, Garlan and Mary Dahmes, Tom Marks and Sue Thooft.

Motion to add under #10 – Evaluation of performance of a city employee was made by Weber, second by Olson. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the February 26, 2024, Regular City Council minutes was made by Olson, second by Christensen. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Claims Payable
- LU Permit #1 – 302 Prospect Street

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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #5-2024 Accepting Donations

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Zwach, second by Christensen. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM/GUESTS

Rebecca Towne, Auditor from Kinner & Company was present to go over the 2023 financial statements and supporting documents. The financial statements present fairly which means the city received an unqualified opinion which is the highest you can achieve. She commended the City Clerk on the excellent job that she does. Questions were then welcomed. She then left the meeting.

REPORTS & REQUESTS

Public Works Director Duscher updated the council on the Lead Service Lines within the city. The shelter project is nearing completion. Motion to continue with the park shelter lighting and electrical was made by Christensen, second by Olson. Motion carried. There is notice of some cracks on the streets and possibly there will be more before winter. The fix to this is to get them routed and filled back in. He would like to address the council as to why they are not following the equipment schedule and trading when recommended or considering pulling money from the equipment fund. Council member Christensen said residents have expressed they would like tax relief, therefore if the equipment we have is working it should be kept. Public Works Director Duscher stated when he started with the city all of the equipment was old and in bad shape, the city implemented equipment funds, so this didn't happen in the future. Councilmember Zwach asked if the city has ever had anything covered under warranty and if so, how much. Public Works Director Duscher said nothing that he can recall and none of the equipment at this time is under warranty.

Motion to move the Open Forum to the end of Agenda was made by Weber, second by Christensen. Motion carried.

Other individuals/guests that have requested to be on the agenda will be at the top of the agenda.

Councilmember Christensen then passed out to the council a list of items referred to JC's proposed amendments for city meeting conduct, which include buying a podium and microphone, a list of ways in which to conduct council and resident behavior at meetings to avoid any more outbursts or disruption. Also, if the council considers any or all these items to be added, the city attorney will review for his opinion. Motion by Christensen, second by Olson to buy a podium and microphone for a cost of up to \$100.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The update of the park bathrooms was discussed. This cost has come in considerably higher than expected (\$16,000.00) there was discussion of ways to cut costs, but for now possibly using porta potty's will be priced through SW Sanitation and discussed at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Nuisance/complaints were then discussed. A flyer explaining the rules has been posted to the city face book and website. This was included on all the resident utility bills at the end of March. At this time there are 55 dogs and 20 cats registered in the city. A listing of residents with animals will be updated and a letter to license sent out.

Motion to not give a donation to the Redwood County Fair was made by Zwach, second by Brooks. Motion carried.

Spring Clean-Up will be held June 7, 8, 9, 2024.

The current utility meter reader the city uses is not working and staff has been estimating reading the past two months. A brief history was given of this system. There is a reader that will work with these meters for a cost of \$4,000.00 and \$800.00 a year for software support. Motion to buy the reader and support was made by Christensen, second by Weber. Motion carried.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

- April 15 – Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting 5:00 5:30 p.m.
- April 22 – City Council Meeting

The regular meeting was then adjourned at 6:46 p.m. and the council then went into closed session to discuss/review a written complaint on employee Public Works Director Dean Duscher.

The regular meeting was opened at 7:29 p.m. action taken was to put the written complaint into the employees file.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Zwach, second by Christensen. Motion carried.

Approved this 22nd day of April 2024.

Betsy Snyder, City Clerk/Treasurer