

CITY OF MILROY

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

April 22, 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, Fire Chief Matt Krueger and Joe Plaetz, Granite Rock Insurance Agency. Guests Present: Kent Miller, Jeff and Sharri VanDeWiele, Bryan Weber, Steve and Debbie Todd, Mary Dahmes, Scott Haken, Dan Christensen, Diane Sik, LeRoy Sik and Joe Plaetz.

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

GUESTS:

Joe Plaetz, Granite Rock Insurance Agency was present to go over the renewal for the city. The insurance company conducted an appraisal this year of the city buildings. A motion to not waive the tort liability limits was made by Zwach, second by Brooks. Motion carried.

Dan Christensen was present to discuss a housing development that he would like to expand on in section 16 within the city limits. The earlier four (4) lots that he developed years back, are all sold. He is questioning if sewer can be brought to these lots and that would be a question for city to have answered by the city engineering firm and they will be contacted to conduct this preliminary report.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 1, 2024, Regular City Council minutes and the April 15, 2024, Board of Equalization minutes was made by Christensen, second by Zwach. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Claims Payable
- 1-4 Day temporary liquor license for the Milroy Relief Association

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

REPORTS & REQUESTS

Fire Chief Krueger went over his report which was included in the packet. He updated the council on the FEMA and 50/50 grants. Motion to approve Brian Jordan as a new member to the fire department once training is complete was made by Christensen, second by Brooks. Motion carried. Also discussed was accident calls that are not being paid.

Public Works Director Duscher updated the council on current items being done; shelter project is nearing completion, flushing hydrants, mowing grass, and spraying weeds.

Having an established EDA and members was discussed. This will be put onto the next agenda to discuss and posted again for recruiting members.

Clerk/Treasurer Snyder had a request if the council packets could be posted on the city website. Moving forward the council agrees this can be done. She will be attending the IIMC Conference May 20-23, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park bathrooms and the possibility of having one single unisex bathroom were discussed. Using a porta potty could be costly with cleaning and vandalism could become an issue.

The dog nuisances/complaints were then discussed. Because there are no police within the city it is a bit harder to control the issues brought to council and staff. Letters have been sent to residents known to have animals that are not licensed requesting they license their animal(s). Mayor Weber said she spoke with a resident and the Redwood County Sheriff's office is no longer responding to dog issues or working with any shelters. This will be followed up at the May meeting.

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. The current reader is obsolete and can hopefully be made to work so that the meters can be read as opposed to estimating for the next six months. 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 but is back ordered for six months. Motion to buy the reader and support was made by Christensen, second by Weber. Motion carried.
The council agreed to spend no more than \$1,000.00 to get the current reader to work if possible.

The lead service line inventory was discussed. The city will work with their engineers to do this at no cost to the city as this is an expense covered by the state.

OPEN FORUM

Leroy Sik then asked the council about the repair to the driveway and seeding of the lawn at 604 Cedar Street. The city plans to do these repairs as this damage was caused due to getting the service line to 602 Cedar Street.
Debbid Todd then challenged the council to speak with residents and to pack the council room with residents at the meetings.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

- May 28 *Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday* – City Council Meeting
- June 7,8,9 – Spring Clean Up

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. was made by Christensen, second by Olson. Motion carried.

Approved this 28th day of May 2024.

Betsy Snyder, City Clerk/Treasurer