

CITY OF MILROY

Regular City Council Meeting

July 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present: Colleen Brooks, Drew Olson and Renee Zwach. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Snyder, Public Works Director Duscher and Fire Chief Matt Krueger.

Guests Present: Kent Miller, Jimmy Hansen, Debbie & Steve Todd, Sharri & Jeff VanDeWiele, Dirk Taylor, Tom Marks and Dena Alexander.

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

MINUTES

Motion to approve the June 24, 2024, Regular City Council minutes was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Claims Payable
- LU Permit #2.2024 – 306 Prospect Street

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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #6-2024 Candidate Openings

Resolution #7-2024 Accepting Mayor Resignation

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

REPORTS & REQUESTS

Motion to accept the resignation of Joe Schimerowski from the Milroy Fire Department was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

There was an issue with a Milroy first responder giving out the fire hall door code to a resident, a non-first responder or fire department member. This was discussed at both the first responder and fire meetings.

The new lockers were installed by the department at their last training meeting.

Public Works Director Duscher updated the council on the speed signs which should be installed in a couple of weeks. The water tower was washed out on 7/17/2024.

Councilmember Olson asked about the filling of the council vacancy. This will be posted to see if there is interest.

Clerk/Treasurer Snyder went over the email given to the council about the site evaluations of the two properties identified for a housing development. ISG Engineering has provided a scope of services which includes the evaluation of the elevations, location of existing utilities and the depth of sanitary sewer and storm sewer. This would be a cost of \$3,000.00 per site. Motion by Zwach, second by Olson to go ahead with the evaluation of the sites. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A performance review will be done for the employees following the August 26th council meeting at 7:00p.m.

The street obstruction of a cone being set in the middle of Superior Street by the residing residents to warn of children playing was discussed. Due to the two council members that spoke with these residents not in attendance at this meeting, a brief update was given by Dirk Taylor. Signs, permits and location were all discussed and Talor stated a few days later he heard that someone on the council said these were not good ideas. Clerk/Treasurer Snyder reminded the residents that there is an ordinance about putting items in the street and once the city allows this, they can become liable. Ordinance #93.02 was referred to by Acting Mayor Brooks. Motion by Zwach, second by Brooks to allow the placing and purchase of any color cone but orange by the residents that state children at play and the cone will come off every night. Motion carried.

Live stream of the city council meetings on the city Facebook page was discussed. At this time, the sound quality is not great and the ability to turn off comments is unable to be done. The Facebook page is an information source for residents not a place for attack. How to continue to post council meetings with the purchase of better equipment and uploading to the city website was discussed. Scott Haken, who installs audio video equipment will take a look at the settings after the meeting to see if he can fix/adjust. Options will be explored.

Mower quotes were tabled until the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

An update was given about a Land Use violation being worked through with the resident for compliance.

OPEN FORUM

Dirk Taylor gave his opinion that the city should consider the purchase of a zero-turn mower.

Kent Miller asked if the council members were paying attention to what was being said. It was said by council members they do not have to look to hear. Also, if these council meetings must be recorded and they do not, it is being done as a courtesy. Sharri VanDeWiele asked if a special meeting could be held to look at the mower quotes.

Debbie Todd asked about the speed signs which will be up shortly.

Scott Haken inquired if a lift station will be needed for the development that could happen behind Bernice Street. This is why the city is having ISG investigate the properties to see which is more workable.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

- August 26 – City Council Meeting
- Candidate filings open July 30, 2024, and close August 13, 2024

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. was made by Zwach, second by Olson. Motion carried.

Approved this 26th day of August 2024.

Betsy Snyder, City Clerk/Treasurer