

CITY OF MILROY

Regular City Council Meeting

August 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present: Mayor Brooks, Council Members Christensen, Olson and Zwach. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Snyder, Public Works Director Duscher and Fire Chief Matt Krueger.

Guests Present: Kent Miller, Jimmy Hansen, Mary Dahmes, Sharri & Jeff VanDeWiele, Scott Haken, Tom Marks, Margaret (Peggy) Sik and Al & Angie Pool.

GUESTS

Grady Holtberg, Redwood County EDA was present to introduce himself and inform the council of how the County EDA can help with projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

- July 22, 2024, Regular meeting minutes.
- Claims Payable
- LU Permits #3.2024, #4.2024, #5.2024, #6.2024

Zwach/Christensen unanimous to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #8.2024 Accepting Donations

Resolution #9.2024 Work Comp for Elected Officials

Zwach/Christensen unanimous to approve these two resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS

FIRE – Christensen/Zwach unanimous to approve the purchase of six (6) handheld radio batteries. Motion carried.

They will be attending the Tracy Box Car Day Parade on 9/2/2024 and conducting a controlled training burn on 9/14/2024.

PUBLIC WORKS – Inspection by Thein Well has been completed on both wells. The speed signs are up.

MAYOR/COUNCIL – Christensen then stated there were numerous candidates he would like to introduce, but this was not allowed by the Mayor as the city does not promote any one candidate or offer a platform for them to debate.

CLERK/TREASURER – Attending MCFOA Board Meeting September 6th in St. Cloud and MCFOA Advanced Academy September 19th & 20th in Staples.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mower quoted were in the packet with no decision made.

A health insurance refund for \$936.70 was received from the SWWC Service Coop. These funds are reimbursement due to low claims used by the policy holders. The SWWC service coop recommends these funds be used to reduce premiums, supplement the employees VEBA account, health & wellness. Past practice has been to deposit these refunds into the city general fund.

NEW BUSINESS

The health insurance renewal quote was reviewed with a 2.3% increase for 2025 and will be renewed.

The three candidates who expressed interest in the vacant council position are: Kent Miller, Jeff VanDeWiele and Jimmy Hansen. Council member Zwach then asked if they could ask them questions. These questions were of their making not city provided and were asked of all the candidates in the audience, not just the individuals who expressed the interest in the open position. Councilmember Christensen would like to nominate Margaret (Peggy) Sik so that she has some

experience in case she gets voted in. **Christensen/Olson/Zwach in favor to appoint Margaret (Peggy) Sik, Brooks opposed. Majority rules. Motion carried.**

Olson/Zwach unanimous to move Acting Mayor Collen Brooks into the Mayor position until 12/31/2024. Motion carried.

Olson/Christensen unanimous to approve the Oasis Bar & Grill Liquor License. Motion carried.

The 2025 proposed budget was reviewed, and paper copies given to the council. This will be tabled until the September meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Jimmy Hansen then addressed the council with questions in regard to the mower purchase.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

- September 2 – Holiday Observed – City Offices Closed
- September 23 – City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

Zwach/Christensen unanimous to adjourn the meeting 6:541p.m. Motion carried.

Approved this 23rd day of September 2024.

/s/ Betsy Snyder, City Clerk/Treasurer