

CITY OF MILROY

Regular City Council Meeting
September 23, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Mayor Brooks would like to add Councilmember position/Oath of Office under Unfinished Business.

GUESTS

Kent Miller, Sharri & Jeff VanDeWiele, Scott Haken, Margaret (Peggy) Sik and Sue Thoof.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve August 26, 2024, Regular Council minutes as presented.
- Approve the payment of claims (check #12642 - #12655) in the amount of \$10,315.93, and electronic payments in the amount of \$14, 617.74 as presented.
- LU Permits #7.2024 – 511 Euclid Avenue, #8.2024 – 500 Prospect Street, #9.2024 – 507 Prospect Street, #10.2024 – 103 Prospect Street.

REPORTS

FIRE – The '07 Pumper was taken to Heiman Fire for needed repairs. The rescue rig will be taken to Wrencher's for an antifreeze leak. The house burn training went well.

PUBLIC WORKS – Empire Pipe Services was here and cleaned one lift station and gate valves.

MAYOR/COUNCIL – Christensen would like the owner of 501 Euclid Avenue to be contacted to remove the furniture that is sitting on the property.

CLERK/TREASURER – The current contract the city has with Redwood County for prosecution services was then discussed. Currently any misdemeanor committed within the city is prosecuted by the county. Costs to the city in 2024 are well over \$3,000.00. The Clerk/Treasurer will contact the city attorney about other options for the city and update at the October meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time Councilmembers Christensen and Zwach both asked when Margaret (Peggy) Sik would be sworn in. Mayor Brooks explained that she had spoken with the City Attorney as to how voting her onto the council was handled. After much disagreement about this process, Clerk/Treasurer Snyder was asked to give the official oath to Margaret (Peggy) Sik.

The 2025 proposed levy needs to be adopted tonight, as the resolution has to be sent to the Redwood County Auditor no later than 9.30.2024.

Zwach/Christensen unanimous to approve Resolution #10.2024 approving 2025 proposed levy amounts; General Levy \$190,000; Tax Abatement Levy \$16,500 and 2022 Street Project Abatement Levy \$ 110,000.

The information from surrounding cities as it relates to wages was reviewed by the council. More information as it relates to benefits, position title and full/part time will be requested from other cities. Reviews will be tabled until the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CD rates were then discussed and tabled until the October meeting.

Christensen/Zwach unanimous to move \$100,000 from the city checking account to the city savings account.

MAYOR/COUNCIL ITEMS

- October 28 – City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

Christensen/Zwach unanimous to adjourn the meeting 7:02p.m.

Approved this 28th day of October 2024.

Betsy Snyder, City Clerk/Treasurer