CITY OF MILTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET MILTON, WV 25541

JULY 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Tom Canterbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Canterbury, Recorder Walters, Council Members Adkins, Harshbarger, Miller and Nicely. Council Member Bob Legg passed away on June 26, 2023, and a moment of silence was held in remembrance. The invocation was given by Council Member Adkins and the pledge of allegiance was said in unison.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the agenda. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the minutes from the June 6 and 15, 2023 meetings. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the minutes. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

The City bills were presented for May 2023 totaling \$145,943.24 for the General Fund. Council Member Miller moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Recorder Walters read the City Financial Report for May 2023. General Fund Total: \$1,602,648.61; Cemetery Total: \$75,030.15; Coal Severance Total: \$13,707.95; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$1,124,859.17. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Chief Parsons read the Police Report for May 2023. Council Member Adkins moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Resolutions for the First Budget Revisions to Roll Over Remaining Balances of the General Fund and Coal Severance Fund will be on a future Agenda.

A Resolution was presented to authorize the transfer of \$17,088.56 from the Police Savings account to the General Fund account to reimburse for expenses incurred. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the second reading of an Ordinance Repealing and Re-Enacting as Amended Article 349.21 "Prohibited Use of an Electronic Communications Device; Driving Without Handheld Features; Definitions; Exceptions; Penalties," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton, and Renaming Article 349.21 as "Electronically Distracted Driving." Council Member Miller moved to approve the second reading. Second by Recorder Walters. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the first reading of an Ordinance Setting Forth the Rates, Fees and Charges for Service to Customers of the Water System of the City of Milton. Council Member

Miller moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried. A roll call vote was requested, and all voted in favor of approving the first reading.

Mayor Canterbury gave the first reading of an Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Article 1711.02 "State Building Code: Definitions," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Miller moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury gave the first reading of an Ordinance Amending and Reenacting Article 1711 "State Building Code," and Enacting Article 1711.06 "Board of Appeals," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Milton. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the first reading. Second by Council Member Miller. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury recommended the appointment/reappointment of members of the Milton Housing Authority, Milton Building Commission, Milton Municipal Utility Board, Building Code Appeals Board, the City Attorney, Municipal Judge and Municipal Attorney for 2023-2024, and recommending rehiring all other employees. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the recommendation. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Mayor Canterbury requested that everyone keep Timmy Shull and Ronnie White in their prayers. Council Member Tennis Adkins offered a prayer for them.

Council Member Dakota Miller advised that hydrants would be flushed July 31-August 4, 2023.

E.Huff stated that he did not see anything wrong with a water rate increase, and said that a rate increase is necessary to be able to pay wages to keep good employees.

N.Peterson stated that their water was black for 5-10 minutes following a recent water leak on Newman's Branch, and inquired why there was not a boil water advisory. She was advised that the leak was a "blow-out" which did not permit potentially contaminated water from getting into the lines before the valves were closed, which was why an advisory was not necessary; the residue in her water was likely due to existing sediment in the lines.

M.Chastain stated that there would be a Memorial Service for Bob Legg on August 12 at 1 p.m. in the Community Room at the Milton Volunteer Fire Department. She asked that we continue to keep Bob's family in our prayers.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Second by Council Member Adkins. Motion carried.

Mayor Tom Canterbury		
Recorder Dana Walters		