

COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2013

Mayor Coate led Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by Rev. Tim Benkert.

Mayor Coate called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Coate; *Councilmembers:* Fred Francis, Debbie Miller, Jason Tinnerman, Scott Fogle, Ora Ashley, and Susan Willis. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Law Director Sell, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* None.

The following Certificate of the Clerk of the Council to the presiding Officer of the Council of the Municipality of West Milton was read: The undersigned certified that all requirements to notice and notification has been done or attempted to be done in compliance with Council Rule III.

Dated: August 13, 2013

Signed: Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS

No Councilmembers were absent from this meeting.

MINUTES

Susan Willis made a motion, seconded Scott Fogle to adopt the July 9, 2013, Council Meeting Minutes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None. *Minutes adopted.*

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to adopt the July 23, 2013, Special Council Meeting Minutes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None. *Minutes adopted.*

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to adopt the July 23, 2013, Council Workshop Meeting Minutes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None. *Minutes adopted.*

OTHER MINUTES

There were no other minutes at this time.

COMMUNITY PRIDE WINNERS

Mayor Coate presented plaques to the following Community Pride Winners:

Chris and Linda Long
Joe and Benetta Berrey
Phyllis Taylor

Mayor Coate thanked the Community Pride Award recipients for working to keep their properties looking good.

CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

Susan Willis read a card from Carolyn DeHart thanking Council for honoring the late Mayor DeHart.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no comments from citizens at this time.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance CM-13-17

Ordinance CM-13-17 was introduced by Council and read by Law Director Sell, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 90.29 LOUD DOG. The public hearing for Ordinance CM-13-17 will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

Ora Ashley asked if Council would be discussing the fines and penalties. Law Director Sell stated Section III of the Ordinance shows the fines. He stated one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is the maximum fine. Mr. Sell stated if cited it is a misdemeanor and the court determines the appropriate fine.

Resolution CM-13-18

Resolution CM-13-18 was introduced by Council and read by Law Director Sell, A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNTS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVAL OF GRASS, WEEDS, AND LITTER TO THE MIAMI COUNTY

AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION. Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Ora Ashley to adopt *Resolution CM-13-18*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain: None. Absent: None. Resolution CM-13-18 adopted.*

Resolution CM-13-19

Resolution CM-13-19 was introduced by Council and read by Law Director Sell, A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2013 RESURFACING PROGRAM. Susan Willis made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to adopt *Resolution CM-13-19*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain: None. Absent: None. Resolution CM-13-19 adopted.*

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1) Water Meters –

Manager Kline stated he has been studying the issue of new meters and the financial impact it will have on the Municipality. He explained the difference in drive-by meters and fixed based meters. Manager Kline stated now it takes two (2) to seven (7) days to walk by and read the meters. He stated the meters are twenty (20) plus years old. Manager Kline stated the Municipality definitely needs new meters. He stated the new meters will read more accurately. Mayor Coate asked Manager Kline to check with the bidders to supply water meters to extend the bid so Council would be able to discuss this item of business at the August Workshop Meeting and then vote on legislation at the September 10, 2013, Council Meeting. Scott Fogle stated he would also like to have the time extended. Manager Kline stated he would check with the bidders and let Council know if the time will be extended or if they will have to have a Special Council Meeting after the August Workshop Meeting. Law Director Sell stated he would like to look at the bid documents to make sure everything would be okay.

2) Healthcare –

Manager Kline stated he and Jill Grise met with McGohan/Brabender, the third party administrator for the employee health care renewal rates. He stated Anthem Blue Cross, the Municipality's provider has quoted the renewal for the employee's health insurance at an increase of 7.7%. Manager Kline stated the dental insurance is decreasing by 13.7%. He stated McGohan/Brabender has warned him that the rates will go up drastically next year.

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Debbie Miller to continue coverage for the Municipal Health Insurance with Anthem Blue Cross. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Ora Ashley to go with a new care plan with Dental Care Plus with a reduced cost for one (1) year. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

3) Smoke Testing –

Tim Swartztrauber stated smoke testing will be started at the end of August on the sewers.

4) Street Levy Facts –

Manager Kline gave information about the prices rising since the original street levy was passed. He stated Council has made the difficult decision of placing on the November ballot for voters' consideration a new street levy which would replace the current street levy. Manager Kline stated the Municipality has been operating under the current levy since 1984. He explained that in 1984 a ton of asphalt cost between twenty-five and thirty dollars (\$25.00 - \$30.00) and that the current asphalt cost is between eighty and eighty-five dollars (\$80.00 and \$85.00). Manager Kline stated Williams Street and Emerick Drive will be worked on this year.

5) Workshop Meeting –

There will be a Council Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ms. Taylor of Market Street, West Milton, stated nothing has been done to Market Street in twenty (20) years. She asked how long it would be until something is done for the residents on Market Street. Manager Kline stated he agrees with Ms. Taylor that something needs to be done towards fixing the street on Market Street. He stated the Municipality has applied for a grant to do work on Market Street; but that no decision has been made yet. Manager Kline stated they would like to reconstruct Market Street; but may have to only do an overlay. Ben Herron gave information about another procedure that could be done to the street; but stated this procedure would be less desirable. Manager Kline stated the Municipality is committed to doing something; but prefer to do it properly. Mayor Coate thanked Ms. Taylor for coming to the meeting and asking about Market Street.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

There were no comments from Council at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coate made a motion, seconded by Fred Francis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Michael Coate II
Mayor