

# COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

March 26, 2013

Mayor Coate called the meeting to order.

*Present were:* Mayor Coate; *Councilmembers:* Fred Francis, Jason Tinnerman, Scott Fogle, Ora Ashley, and Susan Willis. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Ben Herron, Tim Swartztrauber, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* Miller.

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:* March 26, 2013

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

## FALL FLING

PJ Wertz asked Council to let them sale tickets for beer until 11:00 p.m. and stop serving at 12:00 p.m. during the Fall Fling. She stated the license for selling beer states they can sell from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Ms. Wertz stated she has to give the times they will be selling beer, a drawing of the layout, and where the beer comes from.

After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to allow them to sell beer during the times requested. Ms. Wertz stated there are two (2) plugs that need to be changed on the Kroplin building.

## ARCHITECTURE REVIEW FOR POLICE FACILITY

Manager Kline stated he and Chief Kimpel met with three (3) different firms regarding Police Facility/City Hall Improvements. He gave the pros and cons of each firm. He stated he feels Sharp/Conway would be the best firm to do the work. Manager Kline stated Ms. Sharp graduated from Milton-Union and lives in Laura now. Ms. Sharp is the President of Sharp/Conway and comes highly recommended. Manager Kline recommended going forward with having a study done to get the Municipality ready for a RFP. He stated is will cost twelve thousand eight hundred (\$12,800.00) dollars for the design to get ready for funding. Jason Tinnerman asked about the use of

the room next to Council. He stated it concerns him the amount of money it will cost for all the things the Municipality needs and wants to do. Scott Fogle stated he checked on grants. He shared this information with Council. Manager Kline will check to see if this was put in the budget for 2013. After discussion regarding this item of business, Manager Kline stated he would do a resolution to hire Sharp/Conway. He will look for grants.

### I&I UPDATE

Manager Kline stated Ben Herron has put a map together showing the streets he would like to pave. He stated it is also in the area where Tim Swartztrauber has found I&I problems. Tim Swartztrauber stated the lines need to be either replaced or resealed. He stated it will cost about two hundred sixty-three thousand (\$263,000.00) dollars to reline. He stated the total cost would be about three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00). Mr. Swartztrauber stated in some areas the pipe will need to be replaced rather than relining. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the streets that need to be repaved in the Municipality and how long it would be okay to wait to repave. Manager Kline stated there is not a lot of grant money out there to get. He stated there are three (3) possible ways to pay for the needed repair: 1) property tax; 2) income tax; or 3) add it to the water/sewage bill.

### WATER DIVISION UPDATES

#### Billing –

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a copy of a draft of the proposed water bill for their review.

#### Water Towers -

Manager Kline state the north water tower needs some repairs to keep it in good shape. Tim Swartztrauber stated the north tower could be over-coated. But the south tower is shot and has lead paint on it. He stated the paint needs to be taken off and repainted. Manager Kline asked Council what they thought about having a special design put on the water tower. He stated he is checking on the legality of advertising on the water tower.

#### Hydrant Flushing Schedule -

Manager Kline stated Tim Swartztrauber would be doing hydrant flushing from April 15 through April 19, 2013. He stated it would be advertised on the board out front and on the internet.

### Connection with Union -

Manager Kline explained the various aspects of trying to connect with Union for water. He talked about pressurization, quality of Union's water, potential problems with water lines, having to soften the water from Union, and the cost. Manager Kline stated the rates were not low enough to make a difference in the rates the Municipality would have to pay. Scott Fogle asked Manager Kline if he would try to renegotiate the rates with the City of Troy.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

### Miami Lanes –

Scott Fogle stated he met with the new owner of the Miami Lanes and walked around the building. Mr. Fogle stated the owner has leased the building for one (1) year, has repaired all the leaks but one, and is doing clean up. The owner wants to get a liquor license, have an arcade in the building, and a grill.

Manager Kline stated he has been asked if the Municipality could donate one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to help with economic development. Jason Tinnerman stated if the Municipality is going to do that an Economic Development Program would need to be put in place.

### Brick House Café –

Manager Kline stated Jolene Sell wants him to meet with the architect to discuss the new design.

### Community Reinvestment Area (CRA)

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a copy of a report containing information about the Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA) Economic Development Tool for their review. He stated that the Municipality is an Enterprise Zone. He stated the Municipality can give tax abatements for new companies. Manager Kline stated the Municipality is a pre 1994 CRA. He stated the CRA is not tied to jobs. It is to build buildings. Manager Kline would like to tie it to getting new jobs.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

Scott Fogle stated in the *Town and Cities* magazine it talks about doing a video on different communities for free and that it asks the community to see if any of the businesses in town would take out ads in the magazine.

Susan Willis stated the first Park Board meeting has been held and went well. She stated officers were appointed.

Scott Fogle asked if there was any word on meeting with various groups to save the cupola at the school.

Ben Herron stated he thinks the Fire Department will get a grant for the hydraulic cutters they need. The grant will possibly be for the full seven thousand two hundred (\$7,200.00) dollars.

ADJOURNMENT

Ora Ashley made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM  
Clerk of Council

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Michael Coate II  
Mayor