

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 24, 2014

Mayor Coate called the meeting to order.

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

Dated: June 24, 2014

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

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to accept the resignation of Ora Ashley in accordance with Section 4.07 of the Charter of West Milton and declared said office vacant and that it is the intention of Council to appoint a qualified candidate to fulfill the remainder of the term of said office. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Manager Kline stated Council did announce the vacancy to the public through a press release which was published on June 1, 2014, in the *Weekly Herald* newspaper.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to adjourn into an Executive Session as provided by Section 4.12(B)(5)(a) of the West Milton Charter. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Council interviewed the following applicants for the vacant Council position: Sarah Copp and Don Dohrman.

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to reconvene out of Executive Session. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Council came back into session at 9:09 p.m.

MAYOR COATE'S RESIGNATION

Mayor Coate stated he would be resigning effective immediately. He read a letter stating the last two and a half years (2 ½) years had been a growing experience in his life. Mr. Coate stated over the last few months he has been called into a different area of service and stated he believes God would have him move on from his duties as Mayor and Councilmember. He stated he believes Council has come a long way and have set a good foundation for future Councils. Mr. Coate thanked all of Council for the work they have done, Manager Kline for the work he has done, and his wife and children for allowing him to serve on Council for the last two and a half (2 ½) years. He stated he truly appreciates all the citizens of West Milton. He read Romans 12:18 from the Bible – “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” Mr. Coate encouraged Council to continue on in their service to the community and to remember the example they are setting. He asked them, “How will you want to be remembered?” Mr. Coate stated even when things get difficult, stay the course, and continue to give your best.

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to accept the resignation of Mayor Coate. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain: None. Absent: None.*

Fred Francis swore in Vice Mayor Jason Tinnerman as Mayor.

Jason Tinnerman swore in Council President Susan Willis as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Tinnerman stated Council would be accepting applications for the vacant Council position. He stated Council would fill the position at the July 8, 2014, Council meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER

Scott Fogle made a motion, seconded by Fred Francis to appoint Don Dohrman to the vacant Council position with a term ending in December 2015.

Mayor Tinnerman swore in Mr. Dohrman as a Councilmember.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

a) Water Meter Update

Manager Kline stated the Municipal staff started training today regarding the new meters. He stated there are less than fifty (50) meters to be installed.

b) Hometown Heroes Banners

Manager Kline stated the Hometown Heroes banners are in. He stated the banner poles would be going up on Friday. Manager Kline stated they look fantastic. He stated the banners would be up for the months of July and November. Manager Kline stated he believes once people see the banners there would be other individuals wanting to purchase banners. He stated the banners would be up in future years for the months of May, July, and November.

c) Street Cutter

Manager Kline stated the Street Department would like to replace an old piece of equipment – a street cutter, which is over fifteen (15) years old. He stated it is an important piece of equipment and the Street Department has the money in its capital budget due to the recent purchase of a camera only costing half the amount expected. It was the consensus of Council for the Street Department to purchase a street cutter.

d) Park Board Membership

Manager Kline stated the Park Board has an open position. He stated only someone who lives inside of the Municipal limits can serve on the board. Manager Kline stated the Park Board is requesting the residency requirement be changed to allow one Park Board position be open to anyone in Union Township.

e) Welcome New Councilmember

Manager Kline welcomed Donald Dohrman to Council. He also thanked Michael Coate and wished him good luck.

OTHER

Mayor Tinnerman asked if Council would be voting on the proposed changes from the Planning Board regarding the storage of RVs at the July 8, 2014, Council Meeting. Tony Miller stated he thought Council should look at the proposed restriction size for these vehicles. A lengthy discussion took place regarding what size should be allowed. It was the consensus of Council to discuss the proposed changes recommended by the Planning Board at the July

Council Workshop Meeting. Fred Francis suggested doing a grandfather clause.

Susan Willis asked all Councilmembers to be out front of the Municipal Building by 10:30 a.m. if they were going to be riding in the Fourth of July Parade.

ADOURNMENT

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Jason Tinnerman
Mayor