

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

February 26, 2013

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, Acting Law Director Brosh, Ben Herron, Tim Swartztrauber, Jill Grise, Clerk Cantrell, and members of the Milton-Union Government Class. *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: February 26, 2013

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

FALL FLING

PJ Wertz asked Council if the Fall Fling could be held in the Municipal Park again this year. It will be held the third Saturday in September 2013. She asked about using the park and some of the streets for the Car Show. Ms. Wertz discussed various things she wants to do or change from what had been done in the past. Mayor Coate stated he thinks the Fall Fling is great. Mayor Coate instructed Ms. Wertz to work with the Police Department on this. Manager Kline will also work with the Police Department as well.

UTILITY BILLING/WATER METERS

Manager Kline explained the utility billing process. He stated he would like to change the way this is billed so the Municipality could be paid sooner. Manager Kline stated water meters do not typically last more than twenty (20) years. He stated some of the meters are not reading accurately and some do not read at all. Manager Kline stated the Municipality needs to look at purchasing new meters. Mr. Kline explained the different types of meter he thinks should be purchased and how they work. Manager Kline wants to put together bid specs. He stated the cost would probably be about four hundred thousand (\$400,000); but he stated the new meters would actually save money and increase revenues for the Municipality. Tim Swartztrauber stated

the meters need to be no lead meters. Jill Griese gave the following items to Council for their review: Chapter 52 of the Codified Ordinances – Water Rules and Regulations Ordinance – Changes; Chapter 51 of the Codified Ordinances – Sewer Rules and Regulations Ordinance – Changes; Utility Billing Cost Comparison; and examples of Water Billing formats. Ms Griese reviewed the proposed changes to the Water and Sewer Rates and the Utility Billing Cost Comparison report. Jason Tinnerman stated he would like to see landlords be notified if one of their tenants is about to have their water shut off. Manager Kline stated he would like to change the way the water bills are paid. He explained the way he thinks the Municipality should now bill and receive payment for water bills. Discussion took place regarding this item of business.

TAP-FEE COMPARISONS

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a copy of a report regarding Sewer Tap and Water Tap Fees Comparisons for their review. Manager Kline discussed what other Cities or Municipalities are charging for sewer tap and water tap fees. He then discussed his recommendations as to what he thinks the Municipality of West Milton should be charging. After discussion, it was decided that Manager Kline will introduce these fees at the March 12, 2013, Council Meeting.

I&I UPDATE

Tim Swartztrauber stated they found a book that showed the system was checked in June of 1990. He stated the recommendations that were made at that time to fix the system were never completed. Mr. Swartztrauber stated some of the same recommendations he has made were made back in 1990 but were never completed because of the cost. He stated the EPA states the Municipality has to be in compliance within five and a half (5 ½) years. At this time, Mr. Swartztrauber and Manager Kline are working with the engineering firm to find grants to do these updates.

GOVERNMENT CLASS WORKSHOP

The Government Class students asked about the following items:

1. The intersection of Jay, Stillwater, and Market Streets – needs better visibility.
2. Miami Street and Hamilton – the visibility by Wertz' and the Brick House.

3. The proposed Water Park where the old school use to be. Manager Kline discussed many different suggestions that had been given for that area.
4. Diesel exhaust and noise from big vehicles.
5. Opportunities to attract business.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Manger Kline stated an application has been made for the dam removal to be done by the Army Core Engineers.

Mayor Coate thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ora Ashley made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Michael Coate II
Mayor