

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2016
6:30 PM

The Milford City Council met in regular session July 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Board Room. Mayor Reinsbach presided.

Members present: Jason Simpson, Don Olsen, Mary Kay Rolling, John Walters, and Bill Huse

Members absent: None

Mayor Reinsbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Simpson, second by Rolling to approve the agenda. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Motion carried.

Motion by Walter, second by Huse to approve consent agenda. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Minutes July 11, 2016 meeting

Milford Commercial Club minutes - June

Outback Lounge-License temporary outdoor service and fence around parking lot

CITIZEN'S APPEARANCES-PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kirby Walters was present to comment his concerns with the potential Kruse property acquisition. Kirby commented the airport grass runway should be the City's focus for future development with the property currently owned by the City. Kirby feels developing the airport grass runway as opposed to the Kruse property would eliminate any potential burden on the taxpayers.

ACTIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Resolution 16-35 for setting bid letting date and public hearing date for the 2016 City of Milford Alley Reconstruction Project

Motion by Olsen second by Simpson to adopt **Resolution 16-35**. Roll call. Ayes: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters, and Huse. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Susan Chapman-ducks at 511 P Avenue

Mayor Reinsbach explained the Planning & Zoning Board had reviewed the zoning ordinance and the Planning & Zoning Board does not define pets zoned in residential. Therefore the Planning and Zoning Board has placed this decision for the removal of the ducks back to the City Council. Reinsbach reiterated how the Council has required three other residents to remove chickens and how the City Council should not pick and choose who should or should not be able to keep animals that are against the City Ordinance. After some discussion a motion by Walters second by Huse to notify Susan Chapman to remove her ducks from 511 P Avenue by August 15, 2016. Ayes: Simpson, Olsen, Walters, Huse. Nay: Rolling. Motion passed.

Kevin Frodermann-mowing on P Avenue

Kevin Frodermann was not present. Mayor Reinsbach explained to the council about Frodermann's proposed project of installing a culvert to correct drainage in his area on P Avenue. Mr. Frodermann was planning to ask the council if he spends the money on the culvert who will maintain the ditches. Reinsbach commented that in accordance to Ordinance 135.10 the property owner is responsible for maintaining the property. A motion by Walters second by Huse for Kevin Frodermann to have permission to install a culvert on his property on P Avenue contingent on receiving approval from the City Engineer of Beck Engineering of acceptable specs. Ayes: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters, and Huse. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Shane Neavin

Shane Neavin was present to discuss his interest in development. Shane had contacted Mayor Reinsbach approximately ten days ago expressing his interest to develop in Milford. Shane wanted to ask what the City could do to aide in the developmental growth of Milford. Shane is interesting in developing entry level homes or wherever there may be other developmental needs on either the airport grass runway or the Kruse property depending on the cost per lot. There are also concerns with airport development due to infrastructure concerns. The current infrastructure would not be able to handle water runoff until the H Avenue project is complete. After some extended discussion the council thanked Shane for his interest and encouraged him to stay in contact with the City.

Kruse Property-Bill Huse

Councilman Bill Huse started by discussing others concerns in regards to the cost of the Kruse property. Huse communicated that Mayor Reinsbach met with Lloyd Kruse and Kruse is willing to not include the pit as part of the property for purchase but would still allow the pit to be used for drainage with a reduced purchase price. Mayor Reinsbach reminded the council the City of Milford lost an industrial company approximately 18 months ago to Spirit Lake due to lack of turnkey development opportunity. Reinsbach also reminded the council that if they want to see Milford grow then the City needs to acquire some land for development. After some discussion there was a motion by Walters, second by Simpson to table discussion on Kruse property. Ayes: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, and Walters. Nay: Huse. Motion passed.

New police car purchase for FY 2017

Mayor Reinsbach communicated to the council with the new officer on staff it's challenging rotating cars with five officers and four cars. Reinsbach also informed the council that one of the officer's vehicles is starting to nickel and dime the City. Reinsbach recommends to purchase a new vehicle now and for the council to later consider reducing the current rotation in purchasing police vehicles. With a motion by Olsen, second by Rolling to purchase a new police car. Ayes: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters, and Huse. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF

In the last year the City has been challenged at getting a response for a contractor to bid replacing the old windows in the Old City Hall. Therefore, Mayor Reinsbach authorized Councilman Bill Huse to install one window, establish a materials list, and the City will place the project for bid. Due to the lack of bid response in the past, it may be likely that Huse Construction will complete the project.

Mayor Reinsbach communicated an email had been received from Abby Walleck concerning the solar farm. Walleck is requesting for our City Attorney to prepare documents in relation to the solar farm. Reinsbach instructed LeAnn to communicate to City Attorney Dawson not to prepare those documents. A meeting will be requested to further discuss the documents request.

The new north City of Milford sign appears to have something too high. After reviewing the specs, the contractor followed the specs accordingly on placing the stone; therefore not sure if something lacked during the landscaping process. This will be further reviewed. The bronze plaques to be placed on each sign have arrived; however they are not the correct size according to the specs. The specs read 16" x 24" and the plaques arrived 24" x 24". The stone contractor has kindly agreed to make modifications for the plaques to fit.

Mayor Reinsbach informed City Engineer Brad Beck the wording in the letters submitted to the homeowners on airport drive easements did not reference accessing from the airport runway. New letters will need to be mailed and signed. Councilman Simpson asked how many had been received and Reinsbach responded with approximately 75%.

Deputy City Clerk Carrie Funk informed the council there will be several letters going in the mail Tuesday July 26, 2016 on behalf of Zoning Administrator Don Brinkley and Police Chief Vernon Flack in regards to City nuisances and zoning issues.

With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Simpson second by Olsen at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William Reinsbach, Mayor

Carrie Funk, Deputy City Clerk