

CITY OF MILFORD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska resumed at 8:10 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010. Present were: Mayor Dean Bruha; Council members: Jeff Baker, Rick Fortune, Jeff Heckman, Dan Kral; Attorney Robert Blevens; Chief of Police Forrest Siebken and City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Also present: Gary TeSelle, Dennis Kubicek, Gene Welch, Jay Bittner, Cliff & Diane Irwin, Marilyn Haynes, Elaine Plessel, Howard & Marvene Wurst and Nancy McGill with the press.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bruha called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Mayor Bruha publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the east wall of the Webermeier Community Meeting Room.

**Introduction and Adoption of Resolution – Final Tax Request:** Council member Fortune introduced the following resolution seconded by Kral.

RESOLUTION NO. 460

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purpose of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Milford passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Milford that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Milford, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2010 – 2011 property tax request be set at:

		<u>Levy</u>
REQUIRED FOR BONDS	\$222,200	.2694
REQUIRED FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES	\$306,636	.3719
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST</b>	<b>\$528,836</b>	<b>.6413</b>

2. A copy of this request be certified and forwarded to the Seward County Clerk on or before October 13, 2010.

Upon roll call vote as follows: Fortune yes, Kral yes, Baker yes, Heckman yes.  
Motion carried.

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Dean A. Bruha, Mayor

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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NRD Drainage Study Report – Jay Bittner:** Mr. Bittner presented 3 different maps and written documentation referencing drainage in and around the corporate limits of Milford. The maps cover a 2400 acre area. NRD worked with the Maintenance Dept. locating and measuring every manhole and pipe. This information will aid with future developments regarding run off and storm sewer drainage size recommendations. The NRD also identified where current restrictions are within the system and recommended how to fix them. Mr. Bittner highlighted some areas of concern and informed the Council of the additional information that can be summarized with this reporting system. He noted that Milford's system is set up pretty well for drainage. He also informed the Council that NRD can make these files available electronically and overlay maps can be designed on an auto cad system. The Council thanked Mr. Bittner for his report.

**Place to hold "Food Net" – Howard Wurst:** Howard presented statistics for Food Net over the last several years. This included time from approximately 10 volunteers as well as approximately \$3,000 in food items, per week that were distributed to members of the community. He is asking the Council to find a site for Food Nets operation. They were previously working out of Linden Village's community cottage but lately have been using the Webermeier Bldg which seems to work very well. Mayor Bruha offered the front room of the Fire Station because it is at street level, the floors are tile for easy cleaning and the kitchen is larger and easily accessible. Council member Baker mentioned that he had been working on the use of the Sr. Center after the Boards original vote of not allowing Food Net to use their building. Council member Fortune informed the group that the City could not guarantee use of a building every Friday. If they were willing to move between the Fire Station, Webermeier and Sr. Center they could probably accommodate Food Net. Discussion was held about what has happened in the past and carpet stain issues. Gene Welch runs the vacuum cleaner and notes stains that are present before Food Net holds their session. They have always cleaned up after themselves and will continue to

do so. Howard suggested the ideal situation would be to add onto the Sr. Center garage, extending it out to the sidewalk making for a longer area for tables and seating. He realizes this probably won't happen. The Council agreed to allow the use of the Webermeier Community room for now and they will continue to look into options.

**Advertise/Hire Police Officer:** Chief Siebken would like to make an offer of employment to Benjamin Hartman. He was in the list of applicants at the last interviewing session. If he is not available Chief Siebken would like permission to advertise for the officer position. Council member Heckman asked how the Dept. was getting along with 4 officers now. Chief Siebken noted that it had only been 2 weeks. He has already put in 200 hours this month and that included a few days off for his daughters wedding. Nathen will be leaving for training and with 4 officers the Dept. will have 10 hours of overtime. Heckman asked Chief Siebken how much overtime is he working now? Siebken noted he works these additional hours to keep overtime down and because he enjoys his job. He also feels responsible to provide a sense of security to the community. Fortune may have looked at this situation differently had the budget not ended up the way it did. He knew the 5<sup>th</sup> officer was included in the proposed 2010-2011 budget and can't see getting rid of a service if we don't need to. Baker disagreed. A motion was made by Kral and seconded by Fortune to make an offer of employment to Dan Hartman at \$15.00 per hour and if that is not accepted than Chief proceed to advertise and take the additional steps to find a proper candidate to make the offer too. Roll call vote: Kral yes, Fortune yes, Baker no, Heckman no, Bruha yes. Motion carried.

**Introduction and Adoption of Resolution - Create joint Task Force – Railroad Crossings:** Council member Baker would like to create a joint Task Force with the County to pursue the best option for closing the Easter Seal railroad crossing. The conclusion will be presented to the County Board for action. Discussion was held about a 6 member task force, 3 from Milford and 3 from the County. Baker suggested 2 council members and the Mayor for Milford and 2 county commissioners and the Road Supt. for the County. City of Milford representatives will be Council member Fortune and Baker and Mayor Bruha. A motion was made by Baker and seconded y Fortune to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 461

RESOLVED, that there the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to appoint three persons to a Task Force with Seward County, Nebraska, consisting of two councilmen and one additional appointee, to study the feasibility of closure of Van Dorn Road at the Camp Easter Seal railroad crossing and thereby eliminating the whistle nuisance at said location for residents of the City of Milford, and residents of Seward County living near said crossing, and to report its findings to the to the Seward County

Board of Commissioners and the Mayor and Council of the City of Milford, and, together with any recommended action.

Roll call vote: Baker yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes, Kral yes. Motion carried.

Dated September 7, 2010.

City of Milford, Nebraska

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

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Mayor

(SEAL)

**Fire Station Roof Repair:** Council member Kral has visited with 2 different roofing companies and 5 different minor roof repairs since his term started on the Council. His frustration stems with repairs made to the areas that were leaking but no further suggestions regarding prevention of further leaks. There are deterioration issues in the men's restroom and they continue to purchase and replace the stained ceiling tiles. Kral consulted Jim Conner with Conner Roofing as he has been in the business all his life. His recommendation was to remove the exterior metal decking and replace with ½" high density board and then glue on 60 mil EPDM. He also suggested adding 1 ½" of ISO insulation bringing the cost to \$29,900.00. Since this is a public building Kral would like the Council's thoughts on repair of the roof. Heckman asked about covering the roof with a pitched truss system. Council suggested looking into the cost of a truss system roof and whether or not they're ready to spend \$30,000.00.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Kral to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Kral yes, Baker yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

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Dean A. Bruha, Mayor

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Milford, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on September 7, 2010 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the

meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk