

CITY OF MILFORD
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 17, 2001
MINUTES

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the Webermeier Community Room in said City on the 17th day of July, 2001 at 6:00 pm. Present were: Mayor Elaine Plessel; Council members Scott Burroughs, Gary Cooper, Rick Fortune, Lyle Neal; Attorney Robert Blevens; City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Also present: Louis Bialas, Gary TeSelle, Forrest Siebken and Todd Neeley with the press.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places; a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Certification of posting attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Plessel called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance-Peoples Natural Gas Fixed Rate: A fax was received at 5:00 pm today (7/17/01) explaining the Executive Committee of Peoples Natural Gas Rate Areas One and Threes opinion on the ordinance. Blevens reviewed the document which gave pros and cons. The Rate Area III committee recommended more studies should be done on this matter. The results of the committee are attached to these minutes. The Council decided not to adopt this ordinance due to the Rate Area III recommendation.

Executive Session-Litigation: A motion was made by Burroughs and seconded by Neal to go into Executive Session. Roll Call vote: Burroughs yes, Neal yes, Cooper yes, Fortune yes. Motion carried and Council adjourned from regular session at 6:17 pm. A motion was made by Burroughs and seconded by Cooper to return to Regular Session. Roll call vote: Burroughs yes, Cooper yes, Fortune yes, Neal yes. Motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 6:27 pm.

Sr. Center Elevator: A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Burroughs to approve the final bill on the elevator in the amount \$17,000.00.

Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Burroughs yes, Cooper yes, Neal yes. Motion carried.

Approve Bid on Copper Study: A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Cooper to accept the bid from JEO in the amount of \$3,000.00 for a Corrosion Control Study. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Cooper yes, Burroughs yes, Neal yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session-Performance Evaluations: An Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Meeting and signatures of employees is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Neal to go into Executive Session. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Neal yes, Burroughs yes, Cooper yes. Motion carried and Council adjourned from regular session at 6:29 pm. A motion was made by Burroughs and seconded by Cooper to return to Regular Session. Roll call vote: Burroughs yes, Cooper yes, Fortune yes, Neal yes. Motion carried and Council Returned to regular session at 7:22 pm.

Budget Preparation: Mayor and Council reviewed the budget line by line. Items such as salaries and insurance have not been decided yet.

Set Salaries: Employee health insurance was discussed. The premium rates are increasing drastically and the Council decided to wait and see what the new premium costs will be before making any decision on insurance. Plessel noted a dollar amount raise for dept. heads instead of a percent. Hoggins and Siebken have both been dept. heads for a full year. Neal mentioned that the College uses a formula, which includes a flat rate and a percentage rate, to determine raises. It was suggested that Neal come up with a proposed formula for the City of Milford. Evaluations are to be done yearly, but not necessarily for the purpose of salary increases or Council review. A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Cooper to table this item until the August 7, 2001 meeting. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Cooper yes, Burroughs yes, Neal yes. Motion carried.

Discussion of 5th Police Officer: Chief Siebken offered to wait on discussing this matter until the other budget figures were gathered and the accountant had a chance to look over the preliminary figures. Siebken noted that a total of \$28,249.00 would need to be added to the budget to add a 5th officer. Fortune asked about the need for another vehicle. Discussion was held on waiting until the next fiscal year. It was decided to table the item until the August 7, 2001 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Burroughs to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Burroughs

yes, Cooper yes, Neal yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

City Clerk

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 July 17, 2001 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