

CITY OF MILFORD
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2014

A special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the Webermeier Library Building, 617 2nd Street in said City on the 20th day of January 2014 at 3:00 pm. Present were: Mayor Dean Bruha; Council members: Jeff Baker, Rick Fortune, Jeff Heckman, Dan Kral; Chief of Police, Forrest Siebken, Maintenance Supt. Mark Frey; City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins; Library Director George Matzen; Sr. Center Manager Lisa Aschoff; Fire Chief John Melena and Recreation Director Tracy Yeackley. Also present Logan Tuttle 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 Bruha called the meeting to order. 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 meeting room at the Webermeier Library.

Discuss/Action on the Anonymous Donation to the City of Milford of 158 shares of stock totaling \$1,000,000.00 and terms: The Council was very appreciative of the donation and a motion was made by Kral and seconded by Baker to accept the \$1,000,000.00 and the terms attached to the donation. Roll call vote: Kral yes, Baker yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action on the Anonymous Donation to the Sr. Center of 47 shares of stock totaling \$300,000.00 and terms: A motion was made was by Baker and seconded by Kral to sell the 47 shares totaling \$300,000.00 for the Milford Sr. Center and agree to the terms set forth to the donation. Roll call vote: Baker yes, Kral yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action on the Anonymous Donation to the Webermeier Library of 47 shares of stock totaling \$300,000.00 and terms: Council member Heckman had a few questions as to how the process of approving purchases/projects would be handled with the Library and Sr. Center gift. He asked if the Boards would make a recommendation to the City Council for final approval. The Council agreed that this would be the best format. A

motion was made by Heckman and seconded by Kral to sell the 47 shares totaling \$300,000.00 and agree to the terms set forth to the donation. Roll call vote: Heckman yes, Kral yes, Baker yes, Fortune yes. Motion carried. Council member Baker mentioned that a Thank You should be sent by the Mayor to be published in the Milford Times acknowledging the donation.

City Retreat: Update/Discussion regarding Dept.: General, Streets, Police, Fire/Rescue, Cemetery, Parks, Pool, Recreation, Library, Water, Sewer and Sr. Center. (Not necessarily in this order): The retreat was opened up for comments and discussion by the Department Heads. George Matzen, Library: Library doing well. There is an upswing use of computers. E-Books use has increased from 118 – 740. Long term plan – new library or renovation to the current bldg. (lack of insulation in the roof, lack of storage space, bldg. never intended for computers). Summer months bring high user numbers for the computers. Need of adequate internet connections. Only free WiFi in town. Movie Night has had great attendance. Library has a user friendly website. Book Club mentioned between the Sr. Center and Library. Mark Frey, Streets: tree trimming will start this spring. Repairs and maintenance in ValleyView, sink holes. Pave alleys in business district as money permits. With trash pick-up at curb, how are alleys? We will find out this spring. Armor coating Welch Park Rd. Oak Ave being paved thru to F Street. NRD looking at drainage issues in town. Tarring streets in March. Side Streets abutting First Street are breaking up as the brick do not give. Maintenance Shop will be shingled when it warms up. Sewer: 6 month rotation for jetting troubled spots. Hire a company to foam lines to clear out roots and grease, this lasts about 3 years. Water: Project involving lines up to the tower for blending purpose will need to be done sometime soon, may be bonded with user fees. Water restrictions will probably be in place again this summer. Lisa Aschoff, Sr. Center: Offer coffee, sweets, once a month birthday celebration, entertainment etc... Areas of concern – chairs, carpet stained, t.v. too small, kitchen outdated and the Sr. Shuttle car. Activities – cards, dominos, Wii Bowling, exercise class on Friday and conversation. Not real satisfied with the meals provided by Sunrise County Manor. Consider redoing the kitchen and cooking on site. Highest priority is the kitchen then carpet. Salad Bar has been purchased. Mark Frey, Pool: Replace current slide and add climbing wall. Small upgrades to womens restroom. Long range – replace entire building. Boiler needs to be replaced sometime. The zero entry wading pool was a big success. Eventually replace diving board stand. Concern of staffing enough guards. Parks: Camper pads at Welch Park and South Park. Sinking money for equipment in the South Park. John Melena, Fire/Rescue: no big changes, numbers are picking up. 37-38 members with 15 EMT's. Not as many members available to make daytime calls. Bldg is good, roof good, little wear and tear

from Food Net and Fun Days. Improvements to the kitchen were discussed. Grass Rig bit concerning, equipment in general is always on the front burner to keep updated. Rural Fire money should be rotating around soon to replace the Ambulance and Fire Truck. 21 is the minimum age for applicant on the Dept. Max membership is 42. Trying to encourage volunteers to get EMT certified. Radios are fine. Tracy Yeackley, Recreation: Doing o.k., pleased with all the programs, looking forward to this spring and working with the Express Softball team. Parents will run the concession stand this year. Working on the concession stand policy. Registration will start in February. Winter basketball program has started, going well. Suggested by the Recreation Board as well as the leagues, background checks will be done on all coaches/volunteers. Additional ideas: volleyball program. Kids are so involved in YMCA sports it's hard to compete. Contracted Umpires are doing a great job. Relationship with outside groups has improved. Forrest Siebken, Police: Will be attending Raider training in Lawrence KS for school related incidents like Sandy Hook. Nuisance Properties are still an issue. The Dept. has been short staffed as an Officer has been out for medical reasons. Discussion was held regarding a Compliance Officer, help in all area of the City. Consider a part-time Officer when staff in low. These are only highlights of discussion held during the retreat.

NPPD Strategic Planning Survey work shop: Craig Vincent, Keith Ellis and Mary Kwapnioski with NPPD were present to conduct the work shop relating to the Strategic Planning Survey. There were approximately 200 responses to the survey. The group held discussion and noted projects of importance. Some areas mentioned: Residential/Commercial development, Safe crossing at 5th & F and 5th & D, Walk/Bike Path, RV Park, Infrastructure, Continue Sidewalk/Curb replacement in Business District, Brush Pile for grass/trees, Comprehensive Study Update, Wellness Center, Tree Trimming just to name a few. The Council then rated these projects according to their personal priority level. The results were presented and then the top 10 were chosen.

The NPPD team will be returning to complete the work shop.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kral and seconded by Heckman to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Kral yes, Heckman yes, Baker yes, Fortune yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

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 of January 20, 2014 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