

CITY OF MILFORD
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
MINUTES

The special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska resumed at 7:05 pm on the 10th day of September 2015. Present were: Mayor Dean Bruha; Council members: Jeff Baker, Rick Fortune, Jeff Heckman, Dan Kral; Chief of Police Forrest Siebken, Maintenance Supt. Gary TeSelle, City Clerk Jeanne Hoggins. Also present: Carmen Standley and Emily Hemphill with the press.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruha called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Introduction and Adoption of Resolution – Final Tax Request: Council member Baker introduced the following resolution seconded by Kral.

RESOLUTION NO. 524

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 2015 – 2016 property tax request be set at:

		<u>Levy</u>
REQUIRED FOR BONDS	\$172,600	.186357
REQUIRED FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES	\$365,932	.395100
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST	\$538,532	.581457

2. A copy of this request be certified and forwarded to the Seward County Clerk on or before October 13, 2015.

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

Dean A. Bruha, Mayor

Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

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NEW BUSINESS:

Approve final payment to JEO for NDEQ Water Planning Grant:

A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Baker to approve the final payment to JEO in the amount of \$993.25 for the water planning grant. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Baker yes, Heckman yes, Kral yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action – Accrued vacation time pay-out: Carmen informed the Council that we have the budget authority and the money available in the specific funds requesting pay-out. She has also verified that the reserve funds will remain positive. Chief Siebken noted that Officer Hull will be burning 160 hours, 2 weeks in October and 2 weeks in November. Chief Siebken also questioned if the City was going to match the 3% for retirement. Employment has not ended and if this time would've been taken as vacation the employees would've received the 3% match. Carmen suggested checking with our plan administrator first to see how the policy is written. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Kral to approve the city pay-out of vacation time as outlined in the document and that the City compensate the employees their 3% retirement match pending approval of the Plan Administrator. Discussion: Employees can choose if they want the pay-out in full this fiscal year or if they want to spread it out between this calendar year and next for tax purposes. Roll call vote: Baker yes, Kral yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action – Update Changes to Employee Handbook regarding Leave Time-Vacation: A motion was made by Heckman and seconded by Fortune to approve the 2nd revision, submitted by the Attorney, to the employee handbook regarding Leave Time-Vacation as presented. Roll call vote: Heckman yes, Fortune yes, Baker yes, Kral yes. Motion carried. (Copy attached to these minutes)

Executive Session – Real Estate: A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Heckman to adjourn from regular session at 7:42 pm and go into executive session for the purpose of real estate. Roll call vote: Baker yes, Heckman yes, Fortune yes, Kral yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fortune and seconded by Kral to adjourn from executive session at 7:55 pm and return to regular session. Roll call vote: Fortune yes, Kral yes, Baker yes, Heckman yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Fortune to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Baker yes, Fortune yes, Heckman yes, Kral yes. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:56 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 on September 10, 2015 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.

Jeanne Hoggins, City Clerk

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