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Regular Meeting

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held March 5, 2019 20

The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00pm on March 5 2019. Mayor Albrecht called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence and gratitude for our Fire Department.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Albrecht, Vice Mayor Brewer, Ms. Russell, Mr. Brady, Ms. Chamberland Mr. Haskins and Ms. Evans

Introduction/Presentation: Milford Police Department Annual Report presented by Chief Mills. Slide show was in addition to the handouts given to council members. Mr. Minniear stated how proud that everyone should be of our Police department.

Proceedings: Ms. Evans made a motion to Approve the February 19th City Council meeting proceedings. Ms. Russell seconded the motion. Mr. Brady abstained. All others voted yes.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Development Committee

Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes February 27, 2019The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Ted Haskins Present: Ted Haskins, Lisa Evans, Sandy Russell Staff: Michael Doss, City Manager; Community Services Manager, Lori Pegg, Visitors:

Cincinnati Philharmonic Contract Ms. Pegg presented the 2019 contract for the Cincinnati Philharmonic to perform on June 8, 2019. The contract amount is \$6000 for the two-hour performance, to cover the cost of the music and rehearsals for the performers. In addition to the cost of the performance Ms. Pegg noted that additional expense include tent, generator and portolet rental for a total cost in 2018 of \$9200 and around 100 people attended. Ms. Evans and Ms. Russell commented that they had heard nothing but good things about the event from attendees and it filled a void for entertainment for our older residents. The weather could have been the contributing factor to the low attendance, as it rained the day before and they feel it is worthwhile to try the event one more time and see if the attendance could increase. Ms. Evans also commented that her in-laws visit similar events throughout the area and maybe we can find another group that may be less expensive Ms. Russell and Ms. Evans will provide contact information for alternative performers and they would like council as a whole to discuss at the upcoming meeting. Ms. Evans sent Lori Pegg other options for a band. Mr. Doss said that Ms. Pegg contacted The Cincinnati Brass band. Which was a tangible option at \$1,000 for a two-hour performance on June 8th. Signage at the Trailhead Ms. Pegg presented a design for additional signage at the trailhead that includes the Historic Milford Association downtown business map. The expectation is that the map will educate those who travel the bike trail on the businesses right over the hill in downtown Milford and bring additional people in. Mr. Haskins asked if there were an opportunity to place one of directory signs at the Municipal Parking lot downtown, Ms. Pegg will work with Sign Graphics on a design. Free Yard Sale Weekend Ms. Pegg has scheduled the annual yard sale weekends for May 17-19 and September 20-22. She asks that City Council consider waiving the yard sale permit fee for those weekends. *The Committee agreed to make a motion waiving the \$5 yard sale permit fee for the weekends of May 17-19, 2019 and September 20-22, 2019. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All voted yes.* Easter Eggstravaganza Ms. Pegg updated the committee on the date for the Easter Eggstravaganza, which will be held on April 6, 2019 at 10:00am. She is seeking volunteers and sponsors for the event and can be contacted at lpegg@milfordohio.org. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm Respectfully submitted, Lori Pegg Mr. Brady would like signage at the trailhead pointing out Valley View, Promont, Riverside Park, etc. People are missing the opportunity to understand what additional businesses we have.

City Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM TO: City Council CC: Mike Minniear, Law Director Jackie Bain, Administrative Assistant/Clerk FROM :City Manager DATE: March 5, 2019RE:Manager's Report Code Enforcement Officer – Terry Baute has been hired as the City's new Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Baute started today and will work approximately 20-25 hours a week. Mr. Baute is a former Vietnam Veteran serving two tours, former Indian Hill Ranger (retired) and was recently employed nine years as the Code Enforcement Officer for Bellevue Kentucky. In addition, Mr. Baute has residential building inspector experience and is working to get credited licensure in Ohio. Price Road Stabilization - Rack and Ballauer mobilized and started February 25. Price Road will maintain lane restrictions and temporary traffic lights through the duration of the project. There is potentially a full road closure scheduled for March 15-22 as they replace the storm culverts under the road. The City is currently working with Civil Solutions and the Contractor on some additional foundation work required due to a partial landslide that occurred in the last two weeks. Once the City has the scope finalized, the City Engineer will negotiate the change order with the contractor and acquire appropriate approvals before proceeding. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS Safety Services Committee Meeting – March 7 at 8:00 am REMINDERS March 13 - Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 pm March 19 – City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm March 28 – BZA Meeting at 6:00 pm

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Police Department Report

This report summarizes the various activities and functions of the Milford Police department during the month of February. *TRAINING* • All members completed three hours of mental illness training. • Officer Yeary attended the monthly SRT training. • Officer Tara Dennis completed evidence technician at OPOTA. • Sergeants Crider and Lane attended the PELC (Police Executive Leadership College) Re-trainer. • Officer Wilson attended a three-day forensic interview course. *NOTABLE OCCURRENCES* • A commercial vehicle capsized on State Route 126 on February 18th. The road remained closed for approximately 3 hours. • An auto theft was reported at 1040 Main Street. The vehicle was recovered in northern Kentucky. Detectives are currently reviewing video evidence of two possible suspects. • Several theft reports were filed however there isn't any apparent trend or pattern. • A rape was reported at 301 Old Bank Rd. The victim was taken to Bethesda North with and treated for injuries. The room was processed, and a suspect was interviewed. Detectives are awaiting a decision from the prosecutor pending a case review. • Detectives re-opened the 2009 missing person report on William "Chuck" Jones. Additional interviews and follow ups have been conducted. *ADMINISTRATIVE* • Officer Danielle Wilson continued in her assignment of Maternity Duty. • Sergeant Kibby, Officer Mell, Officer Clark, and Officer Fannin were issued awards at the February 19th City Council meeting. *COMMUNITY RELATIONS* • The students from Saint Andrew delivered handmade thank you cards. • We issued three Facebook posts and two Nixle advisories during the month. *OUTSIDE MEETINGS AND ASSOCIATIONS* • Clerk Banks and Asst. Chief Mahan attended the S.O.A.R. February meeting in Columbus. • Chief Mills attended a planning meeting for this year's Clermont County Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. • Chief Mills attended the monthly Clermont County Chiefs meeting. *ATTACHMENTS* • Monthly police activity graphs

Fire and Ems Report:

Chief Baird thanked those that attended the Fire Department's Appreciation dinner. It means a lot to the department to see the Fire Board members and Council members there. Also mentioned to not rent a generator. The Fire Department has one with 60,000 watts and is on wheels for easy access to events.

Public Comments: Mr. John McGraw/ Blainfield - Union Township Trustee. He came out this evening to introduce himself and show his appreciation for the partnership that they have with Milford and the JEDD Districts. He expects the monies to go up quite a bit especially with the addition of the Mercy building going up at Ivy Pointe in the township in addition to other new businesses. The Fire and EMS also do a great job of mutual aid with helping Union Township. In Clermont County there are a lot of mutual aid that goes on between departments. All their efforts are appreciated. Mr. McGraw is interested in running for County Commissioner. He felt it was important to get out and learn what is important to each village, township, and city.

Council Comments: Mr. Doss spoke to council eluding to comments made at the February 19th City Council meeting and also Finance Director Pat Wirthlin's memo we are coming to council tonight to consider and discuss a possible ordinance adopting the current Undivided Local Government Fund distributed through Clermont County. If you decide to advance this to an Ordinance it would be something along the lines that the ordinance reads that the City of Milford is affirming the current method of local government funds with a one year extension which would be our hope to take that to the Clermont County Commissioners and ask that they continue to passing it for one year. This will hopefully get the three entities (Clermont County Commission, the Townships and the largest municipality within the county = City of Milford) which all the townships and villages will be impacted by this. And to hopefully get everyone in the room to talk about a formula that everyone can live with or agree with. The Township Association formula was done within themselves. Mr. Brady asked how were the percentages of the dollars split up? Was there any indication, beyond the letter you received of how it was going to be divided up? Mr. Doss said that the percentages were split up 100%. The County takes their portion of local government fund, dispersed by the State. It is then divided up between the townships, villages and the cities, including Loveland. The Township Association divides it up so that everyone gets 25% across the board and the other 75% is based off population. Mr. Brady asked but how did they come up with the 75% based on population and 25% is the base? Mr. Doss was not aware of how they came up with this formula. Mr. Brady looked on their website which did not show any type of minutes or explanation of the specific meeting (s). Ms. Evans said that she saw that it did increase the money that the townships receive. Mr. Brady wanted to take this opportunity to recap this information. He understands that the ORC provides for the largest city which would be the City of Milford. There are only two cities in the county that could veto any change in funding. The ORC also provides that the townships can ban together and if the number of townships can equal to 50% of the population, then they can overrule our vote or negate us voting on alternate funding. Realistically, gave us the right to have a vote, and also gave the townships the right to ban together to negate our vote. It is the rule of the situation as legislature put this together. I give the township association kudos because they had their group meeting (back in June) and they banned together within their association and they came up with an alternative funding recommendation. And the two cities and ten villages did not ban together as far as I know and work it out to have one proposal. I like the idea of asking for an extension, but realistically I then feel like we have out maneuvered that organization. They went at it, put a recommendation together. There are more townships than there are cities and villages. Fourteen townships to thirteen villages and cities. On an overall vote, the townships could by number of entities the ORC could overrule. We benefitted from a calculation and we have been getting a

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disproportionate amount of money, in my opinion, from this local government fund. For example, Union Township this past year. We received \$164,000. We have 7,000 residents. Union Township received \$141,000, \$23,000 dollars less, and they have 48,000 residents. He was not sure why it was proportioned the way it is currently. But agrees that the funding model needs to be changed. I don't see how we are going to get \$100,000 back. If we can at least get the cities and villages together and in best the cities, villages and the townships together to try and negotiate maybe that is something the county commissioners can help us move along to mutually agree to some kind of funding model. The \$100,000 hits us hard but the smaller communities and looking at the large drop of what they are getting, it was originally based on need fifty years ago. It is hard to identify what is need. We should be looking at things like revenue streams. And Milford has an income tax. The smaller villages do not have something like this. The townships do not have this but there are property taxes. There are sales taxes and all kinds of things in economic development that you would have in Union Township and parts of Batavia township that you would not have in Williamsburg, New Richmond for example. There must be some kind of way between our internal financial support, the county auditor and the commissioners to look at something a bit more equitable. At least until we can understand why its 25% and 75%. Maybe there is even a sliding scale based on need. Or lack of revenue. Or whatever the financial position may be. I am not sure how we can make that happen but I think getting it extended is the first step. But doing something afterwards to come to some type of agreement would be huge. For Mr. Albrecht is was disappointing that whether the townships have the right to after thirty five years, maybe a heads up would have been nice. And we could have had a discussion. And they we could all discuss how to distribute the funds. And while you look at population, the number of Union Township residents that drive through our city every single day. According to ODOT, approximately 23,000 cars go through the parkway daily. That takes our population and multiplies it by four that the police department and fire department has to take care of. It is not just a matter of how many people live here. It is time to go to the county commissioners and plead our case not just for us but for all the other townships and villages that don't have a voice because that voice has been taken away by a rule that has never been enforced and been taken advantage of. Ms. Evans asked if any of the increased funding was due to the city's infrastructure that cities have to pay for? Mr. Doss said it is based on population. There are other formulas out there that do include road miles for calculations. We internally want to get back to the table and talk about this. See what the Township Association and their process and understanding that there are concessions but not to this extent. Mr. Brady says that we have been getting money and that this won't continue. Nothing is set in stone yet. Anything we can do to make our voices heard. A joint letter to the commissioners. Anything we can do to increase our changes. It would help to have eleven other entities involved. Ms. Brewer said Batavia is not happy about this. What if we did what we are proposing to the commissioners an ordinance to ask for an extension of the current formula that is used to distribute local funding. It would give us the ability to talk to other municipalities and talk to the commissioners as well. Mr. Brady to first have a conversation as to what is the next step. Every village and the other city would also send letters to the commissioners voicing their interest in being participants in coming up with an alternate funding instead of accepting the Township Association as the only proposal. In order to do that we need more time. If within six months to come up with something. Ms. Brewer asked if Mr. Brady's point was that the commissioners will be more respondent to twenty people than just the city of Milford. Mr. Brady said yes and made a motion to direct the City Manager to contact the other villages and city in Clermont County to collaborate on contacting the commissioners on voicing an alternative method of apportionment. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All voted yes. Ms. Brewer made a motion as a committee of the whole to authorize the law director to prepare an ordinance adopting an alternative method of apportionment of the undivided local government funds. Ms. Evans seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Ms. Evans asked about the BZA board member vacancy deadline to apply. Is the deadline the 19th of March? Mr. Albrecht said that council will be interviewing during the March 19th City Council meeting and deciding at the council meeting who will fill the vacancy. If interested, please send applications to Pam Holbrook.

New Business:

Ordinances and Resolution

- 19-1435 An Ordinance Authorizing a License Agreement with The Milford First United Methodist Church Ms. Brewer made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All voted yes
- 19-1436 An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Water Street and US 50 Ms. Brewer made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes

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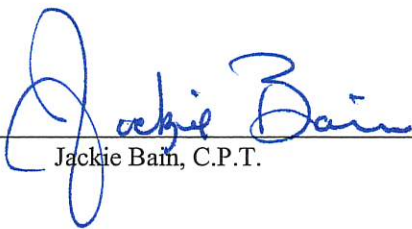
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19-1437 An Ordinance Authorizing Adoption of an Alternative Method of Apportionment of the Undivided Local Government Fund Ms. Brewer made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes

19-613. A Resolution Waiving Yard Sale Permit Fees for the City's Community Wide Yard Sale Ms. Brewer made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Ms. Russell. All voted yes

Old Business: none at this time

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the City Council; Mayor Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. with a motion from Ms. Evans; Seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes.



Jackie Bain, C.P.T.



Fred Albrecht, Mayor