RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Regular Meeting Meeting

Held March 21, 2017 20_____

The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00pm on March 21, 2017. Mayor Howland called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Howland, Vice Mayor Brewer, Ms. Russell, Mr. Brady, Mr. Haskins Ms. Evans.

Introduction and Presentation: Beth Whitehead the Treasurer from the Ohio Police Canine Memorial Foundation presentation to talk about the memorial in Amelia. Also attending was the K-9 handler for the Amelia Police Department, Craig Heintzelman and Police K-9 Bomb dog - Ziggy. They are trying to raise funds to help with the costs of a Memorial to honor the working dogs in the state of Ohio that serve in law enforcement. Not only do these dogs do bomb detection but they do drug detection, partner protection, apprehension, search and rescue, ability to do cadaver searches and even search for electronics. The Village of Amelia Council supported his efforts by offering land on Ohio State Route 125, located next to the Village offices. In May of 2015 we established a Facebook page and Duke Energy came in on the site and cleared the land for us for the memorial. Our official first fundraiser was in June of 2015. We had people sponsor canines that would appear on the memorial. The very first fundraiser received funding for 39 canines. We had a boulder donated by Excelsior for the site. On September of 2015 we had our first official ceremony there at the site. The volunteer administration burden was getting to much more than they could handle. In addition they wanted to expand geographically into other areas of Ohio since this memorial is for all Ohio working dogs. There are also some tax protections and benefits that are included by doing this as well (5013C). We were recognized in July as a 5013C with the state. In March we established our website. In October of last year we put in our concrete base and shortly thereafter we installed our bronze dog statue. Our current efforts are to install the center panel of what will be behind the dog statue before the end of this year. We are also going to have a pergola and some granite benches down a walkway. And to one day have a museum inside the Village building. In addition to fundraising we do some outreach. We send condolences to the handlers on the passing of their canines. We also have a referral service when we get requests on how people can help out with equipment. We have partnered with local groups and refer them on who to contact. We also want to be an educational outlet to let oncoming handlers be aware of the responsibilities and equipment that will be needed. We are also trying to establish records for all of the canines that have served in the State of Ohio. We have identified approximately 2,159 canines. In our efforts to raise money we have several pieces of merchandise to sell including challenge coins. We also do a 5k in September. The event will be held at the Union Township Veterans Park, and a Christmas fundraiser at Don Rigo's. And various booths throughout the year during other holidays. If you know of anyone that would like for us to come and speak at their meeting, event, we would like to spread the information. Ms. Howland asked if the the handlers of the canines are paying at their own expense. Craig Heintzelman stated that his circumstances are a bit unusual compared to others being that both dogs that handles, he also owns. The canines in Amelia do not cost the residents of Amelia and the cruiser he leases for \$1.00. Every dime that he makes goes back into his dogs. A good canine unit is a good public relations tool. We are open to go anywhere. Most departments cover the costs. We partner with a lot of people that will purchase a lot of the equipment. Ms. Brewer asked how old was Ziggy and if she is trained when he Mr. Heintzelman received her? She is 7 years old. He has trained her. It is industry standard to have the dogs trained 16 hours a month but he trains Ziggy 100 hours a month for training because the requirements are so great with the bomb dog and a full patrol dog. Most of the dogs are passive response dogs. There are even motor odor dogs being used today. Ms. Evans said that their memorial is beautiful. Mr. Heintzelman said he cannot imagine the dogs not being protected. And that is why they use the bullet proof vests and spikes and heat alarms for when the dogs are in patrol cars. All that they receive as a reward is a yellow tennis ball. A demonstration with live odor was given to Council and a picture of the group taken later to be placed on Facebook.

Proceedings: Ms. Evans made a motion to adopt the Proceedings from March 7, 2017; seconded by Mr. Brady. Mayor Howland abstained from the vote. All others voted yes.

Correspondence: None

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Financial Statements: Ms. Evans made a motion to receive the January Financial Statements. Ms. Brewer seconded the motion. All voted yes

Public Comments: Karen Wikoff from the Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce wanted to thank Michael Doss and the city for the State of Miami Townships, City of Milford, and Milford Schools for the record attendance. It was very informative and one of the best ever. And also to remind everyone that the Dinner of Excellence is April 26th. The chamber is also accepting Frontier Days parade and booth applications. Ms. Howland did express to Karen that she did hear from a lot of people that the State of Miami Township, City of Milford event was the most informative that they have attended. And to say that it was the best attended since it was Mr. Doss's first State of the City.

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Standing Committee Reports: None at this time

City Manager's Report:

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council CC: Mike Minniear, Law Director Jackie Bain, Administrative Assistant/Clerk

FROM: City Manager DATE: March 21, 2017RE: Manager's Report

<u>CITY MANAGER</u> Riverside Park Improvements - The city received notification from ODNR that Milford was approved for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Grant in the amount of \$118,000 for the installation of a walking path around the perimeter of the park.

MarkAndy/3M Facility Update – The property has been sold and the new owners are looking to subdivide the property. They have two potential tenants for the main complex and would possibly construct a new building on the newly created back lot. The intent would be to keep the same zoning and use designation for the property. More information to follow as it is made available to the city.

Downtown Business – Another new business was announced for the downtown last week. Jackson/Whitacre is a retail boutique opening later this spring in the old Zutterling building. Chez Renee Bistrot opened last week and Viox & Viox anticipated being in full operation by the end of April.

<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u> Capital Improvements Plan – Kleingers submitted another draft CIP on March 8 and it was reviewed by the department on March 16. The department anticipates having one final set of comments to present to Kleingers this week.

Public Works Facility – The final geotechnical report from Alt & Witzig revealed that the proposed Bay Road facility site is unfavorable. The estimate to correct the site issues to place the facility on Bay Road would be approximately and additional one million dollars. The department is researching alternate site locations; and once there is approval for an alternate location a finalized estimate and schedule for construction will be updated/presented .Milford Entrance Sign @ US 50 & SR 126 –The department is digging a foundation this week and anticipates the project being completed by the end of April.

Stormwater Division

Storm Sewer Outfall at 208 Mill Street- The city is finalizing a contract with DER for reconstruction of the outfall. <u>Street Division</u>

State Route 28/Main Street – The department received an updated set of plans March 16 and will make final comments later this week. The City anticipates final drawings and estimate by the end of March 2017. The project is expected to begin in May and be completed by mid-summer. <u>Wastewater Division</u>

Clark Street lining- CME will begin lining Clark Street alley this week.2017 Sewer Lining project –

Laurel to Gatch—Bid opening was March 16 and the City received two bids. One from Miller Pipeline and the other was Layne Inliner. Both bids will be presented to the Public Services Committee for recommendation/approval. High Street Sanitary Sewer Main/Sanitary Sewer Siphon Line — The city is contracting with MSP for engineering services for both projects and will hold a kick off meeting March 24. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS None scheduled at this time

Brooklyn Avenue water main issue status - bottom part of Brooklyn (Oakwood apartments) is on the Milford water system. Anything at the top going up is the responsibility is part of Clermont County. Clermont County did go in and repair that and they need to go in and do some street repair work and some sidewalk repair work. It is a Clermont County issue and repair. Nate Clayton is going to contact Clermont County and is going to get an approximate time and estimate of when the project will be completed. I have received an email from Union Township. We are actually part of a couple of JEDDs with Union Township. One in particular: JEDD II. They need a member to sit on their Board of Directors – Representation from the City of Milford. Traditionally in the past that has been the City Manager. We need to make an indication in our minutes to the JEDD II Board of Directors. Mr. Doss indicated that he would be happy to serve on the Board. Mr. Brady recommended Mr. Doss. Seconded by Ms. Howland. All voted aye in favor of Mr. Doss serving on the JEDD II Board of Directors/Union Township.

Police department report:

Chief Mills gave an update on the new hires. Tara and Tyler are doing fantastic in Field training. The department has range qualifications this week. Russ Keeney will be receiving the MADD Excellence Award. The Annual Junior Police Academy starts next week.

Fire and EMS Report:

Chief Baird reported that they also experienced a substantial dollar amount loss with a recent structure fire in the city. No one was hurt. A number of the employees in the department have been taking 4 hour training classes over at Deer Park/Silverton Joint Fire District. We have also been teaching CPR classes at City Hall and at business locations. The Chief would like to remind everyone that the department does do a fair amount of CPR training around town. There is no charge for the training for Milford residents, businesses and the like. They only ask that an appointment time is set up that is convenient for the department and the requester. We have several of the employees within the department nationally certified as Safety Seat Technicians. We assist and teach the proper installation of child safety seats into vehicles. We are glad to help out with this type of training. Please make an appointment to assure that the time is convenient for the department so that we can make sure there is enough staff available. Please call the Fire department at 513-831-7777. One of the Captains participated in the Milford/Miami Township Chamber of Commerce Speed Mentoring Event at a local High School. Great opportunity to meet with the students and go over our careers. The Chief also attended a guest speaking event at the Doublegate Condominiums and speak about the volume of runs at their facility. It was also taken as an opportunity to extol the Tax Levy

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Renewal that is coming up on May 2nd. Ms. Howland stated that she is grateful that the Fire department teaches the child seat safety to the new parents.

Public Comments:

Council Comments: Ms. Brewer wanted to thank Mr. Doss for talking about and addressing the status of Brooklyn Avenue water leaks. Mr. Brady wanted Mr. Doss to extend their thanks to Lori Pegg for her pursuance of the ODNR Grant. It is fantastic to receive approximately \$120,000.00. Also congratulations to Mr. Doss and Lori Pegg for getting the meeting minutes up to date onto the website. As well as the 2016 and 2017 budgets are now available online. The Open Check Book link is now much easier to find on the website. Mr. Doss mentioned that they are still working on the website. We are hoping to have it launched by the end of this month. It will make it a lot more user friendly. Ms. Evans asked about how many applicants we have for the vacant City Council seat. Currently there are two letters of intent received in. Mr. Doss mentioned that anyone that is interested in being on City Council to submit a letter of interest by next Tuesday, 4:30pm to attention Jackie Bain. Once they have been received in we will present them to council and then the idea is to have a candidate interview session at our April 4 City Council meeting. Ms. Howland said that the candidates are then to come before council and say a few words. Then council will take a vote and the candidate will start immediately that evening. Ms. Evans also wanted to mention that the Parks and Recreation committee is sponsoring the Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 8th. The Easter bunny will be arriving on the antique firetruck at Riverside Park. Ms. Howland mentioned that Lori Pegg needs volunteers for the Easter event. Check with Lori if you need more details.

Ordinances and Resolutions None

Jackie Bain, C.P.T

Old Business: None

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the City Council; Mayor Howland adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. with a motion from Ms. Evans; Seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes.

Laurie Howland, Mayor