

**Millersville Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.  
at Millersville City Hall**

The Millersville Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. with the following board members present: Tommy Long, Mayor; Milton Dorris, Vice Mayor; Commissioners: David Gregory and Cristina Templet. Also present: Scott Avery, City Manager; Holly Murphy, City Recorder/Finance Director; and Jack Freedle, City Attorney.

1. Call to Order.  
Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mayor Long gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting.  
**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**
4. Approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023 Special Commission Meeting.  
**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023 Special Commission Meeting, seconded by Mayor Tommy Long.**  
Vice Mayor Dorris noted a correction to the minutes regarding the equalization rate for Sumner County where he said 0.9946 and not 0.99410.  
**Mayor Long called for a vote on the motion to approve the July 24, 2023 minutes. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**
5. Approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 Special Commission Meeting.  
**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 Special Commission Meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Dorris. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**
6. Approve the minutes from the August 7, 2023 Special Commission Meeting.  
**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2023 Special Commission Meeting, seconded by Mayor Tommy Long. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**
7. Approve the June end of year 2022-2023 Financial Report.  
**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the June end of year 2022-2023 Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay). Motion carried.**
8. Approve the July 2023 Financial Report.  
**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the July 2023 Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay). Motion carried.**
9. **First Reading on Ordinance 23-800** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2

ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, Division 1 Generally, Sec. 2-31 Meeting dates and times.

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 23-800, seconded by Vice Mayor Dorris.**

Mr. Avery advised that this ordinance applies to the regular commission meeting time only (changing from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M.) and he will draft a policy for all other meeting times changing to 6:00 p.m..

**Mayor Long called for a vote on Ordinance 23-800. (Roll Call Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**

**10. Second Reading on Ordinance 23-798**, an ordinance amending the City of Millersville Official Zoning and Land Use Map for Highway 31W Property.

Mr. Avery requested second reading on this ordinance be continued to the September 5, 2023 meeting due to the public hearing notice not being published in the paper as required.

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to move the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 23-798 to September 5, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried. Second Reading on Ordinance 23-798 continued to September 5, 2023.**

**11. Public Hearing on Resolution 23 R-16** A Resolution Approving the Proposed Annexation of Territory into the City of Millersville, Tennessee by Owner Consent and Approving a Plan of Services.

a. Open Public Hearing on Resolution 23-R-16.

Mayor Long opened the public hearing.

City Planner Charlie Pieri stated that this is a voluntary annexation requested by the property owners for the sole purpose of getting on the city's sewer system. He outlined the steps he completed required by state law as follows: posted properties for public hearings 30 days in advance; sent letters to the Sumner County Mayor's office, Sumner County Board of Education, and Sumner County Planning Department advising all of the annexation, dates of the public hearing and the vote on the resolution; sent letters to surrounding property owners of the White House Volunteer Fire Department and the Popular Ridge parcels that included a copy of the resolution and the proposed plan of services; posted notices at City Hall, the Community Center, and the public library advising of the public hearing, resolution, and voting.

There were no other comments.

b. Close Public Hearing on Resolution 23-R-16.

Mayor Long closed Public Hearing.

**12. Resolution 23-R-17**, a resolution approving a contract with Brightly Software to replace the current Community Development software and approving the City Manager to sign the contract.

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-17, seconded by Commissioner Templet.**

Mr. Avery stated that two bids were received; this one for \$31,203 and the other was over \$39,000. The city budgeted \$40,000 for the software.

**With no other discussion, Mayor Long called for a vote on Resolution 23-R-17. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**

**13. Resolution 23-R-18**, a resolution approving a contract with Blakenship CPA Group for auditing services and approving the City Manager to sign the contract.

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-18, seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**

14. Motion to begin process of deannexation of 2186B Tinnin Rd.

**Vice Mayor Dorris made a motion to approve starting the process of deannexation of 2186B Tinnin Rd, seconded by Commissioner Gregory. (Vote 4 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**

Mr. Avery stated that the deannexation process will begin at the next Commission Meeting.

15. Motion to begin process of deannexation of the Highland Rim Race Track.

No motion was made therefore the item failed due to the lack of a motion.

16. Citizen comments.

Dustin Darnall, 137 Brookview Circle, said there has been a lot of hatred and anger spewed daily on social media that has spilled onto the streets and our children are watching and on Saturday morning he got to explain to his son what the words on the dumpster meant and why someone in our community would do that. He thinks it's gone too far and they need to back up a little bit. He knows as a government there is almost nothing you can do to stifle someone's free speech, but our children are watching and they are seeing the adults and leaders in this town behave like children. Let's take a step back, we can do better.

Winston Templet, 7711 Ruby Lane, said he's the dumpster guy and everybody's knows it's him. He said he's been pushed around on social media long enough and by the mayor long enough and he's done backing down. He said our kids don't need to see cowards standing out here representing our country; what our kids need to see are men and women standing up for our rights and part of the rights started last night when Mayor Long went in front of the County Commission and accused his wife of being a criminal when he's 100% wrong. Mr. Templet said every act that was done by the County Commission when she was running for office was documented by the election office.

17. City Attorney Comments.

Mr. Freedle had no comments.

18. City Manager Comments.

Mr. Avery reminded everyone of the Fall Festival coming up on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. There will be live music, food trucks and crafts and vendors on the inside of the Community Center

19. Commissioner Comments.

There were no commissioner comments.

20. Adjournment

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Mayor Dorris. (Vote 4 yea-0 nay). Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:59 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Vanessa Johnson,  
Assistant City Recorder

