

**Millersville Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.
at Millersville Community Center**

The Millersville Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the Millersville Community Center on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 with the following board members present: Tim Lassiter, Mayor; Keith Bell, Vice Mayor; Commissioners: David Gregory, Tommy Long and Cristina Templet. Also present: City Manager Steve Collie and City Recorder Holly Murphy; Recorder Pro-Tem Amy Hutchison.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Lassiter called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

Commissioner Gregory gave the invocation followed by the Pledge to the Flag of the United States led by Mayor Tim Lassiter.

3. Approval of minutes of April 20, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting.

Vice Mayor Bell moved to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 4 yea – 1 abstention, with Commissioner Gregory abstaining because he was absent.). Motion carried.

4. Approval of the April 2021 Financial Report.

Vice Mayor Bell moved to approve the April 2021 Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Long. (Vote 4 yea – 1 abstention, with Commissioner Gregory abstaining because he was absent.). Motion carried.

5. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 21-755 Occupational Health and Safety Program.**

a. Open Public Hearing for comments on Ordinance 21-755

There were no comments.

b. Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 21-755.

Mayor Lassiter closed Public Hearing on Ordinance 21-755.

6. **Second Reading of Ordinance 21-755 Occupational Health and Safety Program.**

Vice Mayor Bell moved to approve Ordinance 21-755, Occupational Health and Safety Program on Second Reading, seconded by Commissioner Gregory.

Mr. Collie advised the Commission that he will send a copy of the Occupational Health and Safety Program to the State. Commissioner Long asked if Fire Chief Brandon Head would still be overseeing this program to which Mr. Collie affirmed.

With no further discussion, Mayor Lassiter called for a vote. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried. Ordinance 21-755 passed Second and Final Reading.

7. **First Reading – Ordinance 21-756 to rezone 202 Wilson Lane from Rural Residential to Industrial (Parcel 1) and Estate Residential (Parcel 2).**

Vice Mayor Bell moved to approve Ordinance 21-756 on First Reading, seconded by Commissioner Gregory. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried. Ordinance 21-756 passed First Reading.

8. **First Reading – Ordinance 21-757** to Rezone 7420 Bethel Road from General Commercial (front) to Industrial (front), with the rear of the property remaining Rural Residential.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to table this until the next Work Session for more discussion, seconded by Commissioner Long.

A brief discussion was had regarding who filed the original application for re-zoning and the need for it to possibly be re-filed correctly.

With no further discussion, Mayor Lassiter called for a vote. (Vote 4 yea – 1 nay, with Vice Mayor Bell voting no.). Motion carried.

9. Approve Janitor Position Job Description.

Vice Mayor Bell moved to approve the Janitor Job Description, seconded by Commissioner Templet.

Following a brief discussion of the position, Mayor Lassiter called for a vote. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried.

10. Planning Commission acceptance on height and location of Message Board.

Vice Mayor Bell moved to accept the height and location of the message board as presented by the City Manager and approved by the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Long. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried.

11. Racetrack Decibel Monitoring Device.

Mr. Collie informed the Commission that he has received bids from two companies. One of these companies has since gone out of business. The remaining bid includes four monitoring devices to be placed on each side the racetrack at a one-hundred-foot radius on each side. These devices will be removed and the information will be extracted after three weeks. The contract is approximately \$4,000.00 in cost. Commissioner Templet advised that she has another company in mind that she would like to make a bid on this that will possibly be at a lower cost. Mr. Collie and the Commission agreed to have Commissioner Templet get a bid from this company.

12. Citizen comments. (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker).

Eric Neumair, 1020 Winding Ridge Rd. – advised the Commission that he was told he should be at the meeting because Ms. Sandy McQueen, his neighbor, is accusing him of firing guns on his property. He stated that she has called the police to come to his home because of this. He said that between him and his family, they have hundreds of acres in the City and they only hunt with a muzzleloader twice a year on these properties. He said that the police have advised him of the ordinances regarding the use of fire arms and they affirmed to him that he was within the law when he discharges his guns on his property. He also said the officers are always courteous and after the issue at hand is discussed, they end up talking about their hobbies for forty -five minutes. He ended by stating that there is shooting coming from Flat Ridge Road and Crawford Hill Road too. Mayor Lassiter advised Mr. Neumair that the City is looking into this issue.

Sandy McQueen, 1014 Winding Ridge Rd. – stated the shooting of the guns is stressful not only for her, but for her neighbors and her cats as well. She said that when the shooting starts, all of the neighbors run inside. It is disturbing to the community. She thinks the current Ordinance needs to be thrown out. She advised that she will no longer call the police anymore because the City is not going to do anything about it; instead, she is going to pray about it.

John Sharp, 1282 Rader Rd. – stated that he has livestock and at times it is necessary to protect the investments of the livestock from coyotes and such. He also stated that it is his right as a gun owner and property owner to fire guns at his leisure.

Mayor Lassiter advised Ms. McQueen to issue a ticket herself via the Millersville Police Department. She would need to sign the citation as the prosecutor and come to court at the designated time to present her case. He also advised that the City cannot supersede the State Law.

Kathy Goolsby, 1165 Louisville Hwy. Lot 11 – presented to the Commission an email that she received from the State regarding a State permit dated May 1, 2020 that was issued for limestone processing on the Shane land. She asked if the Commission would please look into this permitting. Her main concern is the crushing of the limestone.

Tess Peters, 1174 Louisville Hwy., Millersville Public Library – advised the Commission of the upcoming Foam Party to kick off the Summer Reading Program on June 5th. The Millersville Fire Department will be providing the foam. She invited all to attend.

Deborah Chadwick, 2253 Gideon Rd. – stated to the Commission that she is okay with any company testing the decibels from the racetrack as long as they are accredited.

13. Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Long advised that he supports all employees of the City but the statement from Mr. Neumair that the officers who come to his home when called because of the shooting of guns and then stay and chat for forty-five minutes, is concerning to him. He stated that when officers are “shooting the breeze” for that length of time, it means they are not out patrolling and protecting our City. He stated that this should not be happening on a regular basis.

14. City Manager comments.

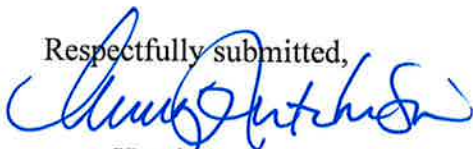
Mr. Collie advised the Commission of the schedule for the Budget meetings and to please let him know if there are any scheduling conflicts. He also advised them that the new City Hall is open for business and a punch list is still being compiled. The signage for the entrance and exit of City Hall traffic is in the works and should be completed soon. The Commission Chambers lacks the finishing of a door and window and should also be completed soon and he hopes to have the next meeting in the new Chambers. He is working on getting bids for the Slaters Creek Stabilization Project and hopes to start the project before the next budget year. He addressed the speeding issue in Willow Creek Subdivision by stating that the police department has stepped up patrol and tickets have been issued. He also stated that the speed limit cart is compiling information and he is getting bids for traffic tables. He asked the Willow Creek community to come to the City to discuss a possible Neighborhood watch. He is looking into applying for a Neighborhood Watch Grant that will pay for an officer to provide community policing and who will also help establish neighborhood watches. Finally, he informed everyone of the new restaurant, Ricardo's. He stated that it was very good and encourages everyone to go try them out.

15. Adjournment.

**Vice Mayor Bell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Templet.
(Vote 5 yea– 0 nay.). Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Hutchison
Recorder Pro Tem

