

**Millersville Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.
at Millersville City Hall**

The Millersville Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at the Millersville City Hall on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 with the following board members present: Tommy Long, Mayor; Milton Dorris, Vice Mayor. Commissioners: Keith Bell, David Gregory and Cristina Templet. Also present: City Manager Scott Avery, City Recorder/Finance Director Holly Murphy, City Attorney Jack Freedle, City Planner Charlie Pieri and Recording Secretary Amy Hutchison.

1. Call to Order.
Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
2. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.
Mayor Long gave the invocation followed by the Pledge to the Flag of the United States also led by Mayor Long.
3. Approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried.
4. Approve the minutes of the June 7, 2023 Special Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Bell moved to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2023 Special Commission Meeting amended to exclude Commissioner Templet from the minutes as she was not in attendance, seconded by Commissioner Gregory. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried.
5. Approve the May 2023 Financial Report.
Commissioner Bell moved to approve the May 2023 Financial Report, seconded by Commissioner Gregory. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried.
6. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-793**, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION 6. – CODE OF ETHICS, Sec. 2-193. – Use of municipal time, facilities, etc. by deleting subsection (b).
 - a. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-793
There were no comments
 - b. Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-793
Mayor Long closed Public Hearing.
7. **Second Reading on Ordinance 23-793**, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION 6. – CODE OF ETHICS, Sec. 2-193. – Use of municipal time, facilities, etc. by deleting subsection (b).
Commissioner Bell moved to approve Ordinance 23-793, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION 6. – CODE OF ETHICS, Sec. 2-193. – Use of municipal time, facilities, etc. by deleting subsection (b), seconded by Commissioner Gregory. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried. Ordinance 23-793 passed second and final reading.

8. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-795**, an ordinance to de-annex property located on Ridge Hill Drive, specifically identified as Sumner County Map 119, Parcels 5.05, 7, 5, 6, 6.03, 5.01, 5.04, 5.02, 6.01, and 6.02 at the property owner's request.

- a. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-795
Kevin Pennell, 1138 Ridge Hill Dr. – thanked the Commission for approving this ordinance. He thinks it will be beneficial to both the City and the residents.
- b. Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-795
Mayor Long closed Public Hearing.

9. **Second Reading on Ordinance 23-795**, an ordinance to de-annex property located on Ridge Hill Drive, specifically identified as Sumner County Map 119, Parcels 5.05, 7, 5, 6, 6.03, 5.01, 5.04, 5.02, 6.01, and 6.02 at the property owner's request.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Ordinance 23-795 an ordinance to de-annex property located on Ridge Hill Drive, specifically identified as Sumner County Map 119, Parcels 5.05, 7, 5, 6, 6.03, 5.01, 5.04, 5.02, 6.01, and 6.02 at the property owner's request., seconded by Commissioner Templet. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried. Ordinance 23-795 passed second and final reading.

10. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-796**, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 22-777, the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget, to reflect the actual revenue and expenses in the Court Budget for credit card fees and contractual services.

- a. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-796
There were no comments
- b. Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-796
Mayor Long closed Public Hearing.

11. **Second Reading on Ordinance 23-796**, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 22-777, the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget, to reflect the actual revenue and expenses in the Court Budget for credit card fees and contractual services.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Ordinance 23-796, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 22-777, the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget, to reflect the actual revenue and expenses in the Court Budget for credit card fees and contractual services, seconded by Commissioner Gregory. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried. Ordinance 23-796 passed second and final reading.

12. **Resolution 23-R-13** a resolution to continue the process of exchanging territory and areas of responsibility served by Emergency Medical Services in Sumner and Robertson Counties.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Resolution 23-R-13, a resolution to continue the process of exchanging territory and areas of responsibility served by Emergency Medical Services in Sumner and Robertson Counties, seconded by Commissioner Templet.

Fire Chief Head explained to the Commission that the City's Fire Station #2 houses Sumner County ambulances. The neighborhood across the street is in Robertson County and they have an increased wait time during emergencies. The counties have come together to allow the Sumner County ambulances to provide services in all of Millersville from Station #2. He advised that White House and Portland have passed similar Resolutions and he supports it one-hundred percent.

With no further discussion, Mayor Long called for a vote. (Vote 5 yea – 0 nay.). Motion carried.

13. **Resolution 23-R-14** a resolution to waive the new sewer tap fee for the White House Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Resolution 23-R-14 a resolution to waive the new sewer tap fee for the White House Community Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Templet.

Mr. Avery advised the Commission that this waiver only applies to the Volunteer Fire Department. Vice Mayor Dorris believes that the developer should pay for the sewer tap for the Volunteer Fire Department instead of the citizens. He advised that the developer stated at the Planning Commission meeting that he would be willing to share the cost for the sewer taps because he cannot develop if the fire hall does not have sewer. Mayor Long stated that his constituents do not agree that the City should waive the tap fee. Commissioner Bell disagrees with Mayor Long and Vice Mayor Dorris. He stated that volunteer fire departments operate on a shoestring budget and he feels this will benefit the City.

With no further discussion, Mayor Long called for a vote. (Vote 3 yea – 2 nay, with Mayor Long and Vice Mayor Dorris voting no.). Motion carried.

14. **Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-794**, an ordinance of the City of Millersville, Tennessee, adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

- a. Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-794
There were no comments
- b. Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-794
Mayor Long closed Public Hearing.

15. **Second Reading on Ordinance 23-794**, an ordinance of the City of Millersville, Tennessee, adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Ordinance 23-794, an ordinance of the City of Millersville, Tennessee, adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with the Robertson County tax rate set at \$0.85 on each \$100 assessed and Sumner County tax rate set at \$1.00 on each \$100 assessed, seconded by Commissioner Gregory.

Commissioner Templet asked if the Building Inspector position had been removed. Mr. Avery advised that he moved the salary monies back into the budget until they can figure out how that position will be filled in the future. By doing this, an amendment will not need to be made to the budget in order to add the money back to the position. Mr. Avery also stated that the position will go out for bid and will be advertised in the newspaper, MTAS the Tennessee Building Association. He will confer with neighboring cities regarding the position and it will be an hourly contracted position. Commissioner Templet expressed her disagreement with this decision. She stated that in her opinion it is a huge mistake to not have a full-time employee for this position. Especially after paying an employee to receive the required training and certifications only to cut the job. She cannot support this decision and she cannot vote for the budget as it stands. Mayor Long inquired if the part-time position for the Assistant Police Chief had been removed from the budget to which Mr. Avery affirmed.

With no further discussion, Mayor Long called for a vote. (Vote 4 yea – 1 nay, with Commissioner Templet voting no.). Motion carried. Ordinance 23-794 passed second and final reading.

16. Citizen Comments.

Dustin Darnell, 137 Brookview Circle – asked for clarification of parcels included on Ordinance 23-795.

Andrew Pieri spoke in favor of keeping Tim Lassiter as the Building Inspector for the City. He stated that now is the time to have a clear path forward for the City.

Winston Templet, 7711 Ruby Lane – stated that he does not understand why the City would remove the building inspector especially with all of the building that is about to take place in the City. He would like the Commission to reconsider Tim's position.

Larry Petty, 105 Echo Lane – stated that he believes the City has set a precedence with de-annexation of Ridge Hill Drive.

Kevin Pennell, 1138 Ridge Hill Drive – advised that Ridge Hill Drive is not accessible to anything in the City of Millersville; in order to access the street, you have to completely go out of the City and County to get to it.

17. City Attorney Comments.
There were no comments.

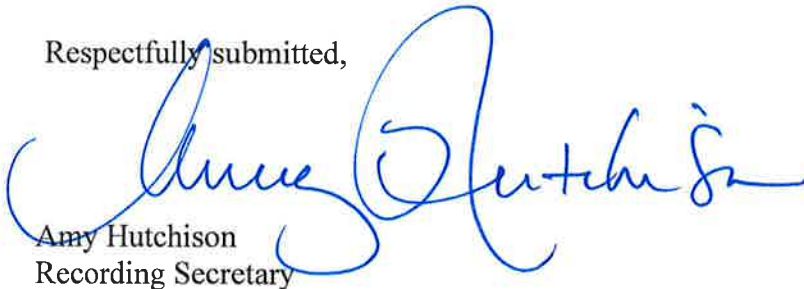
18. City Manager Comments.
Mr. Avery advised that he had sent the “Week in Review” to the Commission. He also advised of the upcoming Town Hall meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 27th with Chief Brown and Chief Head.

19. Commissioner comments.
Commissioner Gregory expressed his appreciation for Mr. Pieri’s and Mr. Templet’s comments regarding Tim Lassiter. He wants to see Mr. Lassiter as the full-time building inspector.
Commissioner Templet stated that she also wants to see Tim Lassiter as the full-time building inspector. She stated that he is dedicated to the position and it is a waste of money to train someone and then let them go. She would prefer to keep the position local.
Vice Mayor Dorris advised that he agrees with the de-annexation of Ridge Hill Drive.

20. Adjournment.
Commissioner Bell moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dorris. (Vote 5 yea– 0 nay.).
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Amy Hutchison
Recording Secretary

