

Town of Milton
Town Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2006

Mayor Don Post called the special meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Don Post
Councilman Gene Dvornick
Councilman Jack Frey
Councilman Ed Harris
Councilwoman Leah Betts
Councilwoman Ronda Melson
Councilman Noble Prettyman

Mayor Post – There is no public comment to night. There will be a public hearing that will be September 5, 2006, at our next council meeting. I ask that we move the ordinance reading up first.

The town manager read the sidewalk ordinance. This was the first reading of this.

FY 2007 Budget

Mayor is pleased with the budget.

Town manager – Started the budget meeting with Administrative Expenses and Revenues explaining the transfer tax; salaries and how they are broken out; insurance; trash; miscellaneous operations; printing and postage; repair and maintenance; telephones; utilities; downtown beautifications; capital expenditures (purchase and remodel of Goshen Hall and purchase of car for Town Manager), comments were made by council on adjusting some of the figures for Goshen Hall; sewer impact fees; and real estate transfer fees.

Police Expenses and Revenues – special events and OT hours; salaries and added salary positions; pension; supplies; gasoline and oil; repair and maintenance; telephone, Mr. Dickerson explained that a lot of the high cost came from the air cards needed for each of the officer's computers in the police vehicles, council felt that the \$20,000 listed may not be enough and maybe it should be increased; uniforms; capital expenditures (purchase of vehicles, building renovations, radar unit, and speed limit monitor), Mr. Dickerson explained how a lease worked for a police car through Ford, comments were made about the wording of the lease of vehicles and it was decided the budget will be changed to read as two separate vehicles being purchased, Councilman Prettyman feels that with the price of gas and the mileage being put on the police cars by allowing the policemen to take the vehicles home is an added expense, Mr. Dickerson passed out a national study in regards to take home police vehicles to all council members and explained how this concept benefits the town, Councilman Prettyman understands the benefit of police officers being able to react immediately to an emergency situation but doesn't understand why officers living outside of town would need a take home police car, Mayor Post – feels that this is an issue that doesn't directly impact the budget, however, this is a separate issue that will need to be researched and discussed further to determine whether or not we need to continue to

allow all police officers to have a take home vehicle, also to investigate if there is a mileage limit for the vehicles, etc.

Code Expenses and Revenues – salary; overtime; payroll; benefits; grants (Comp Plan update matching plan); building permits and signage.

Street Expenses and Revenues – salary; snow removal; supplies; miscellaneous expense, Mr. Dickerson explained was high last year because of handicap curb cuts and AMS rentals; capital expenditures (street sweeper); street repairs, council discussed this and decided to increase the total to \$150,000 to allow for possible updates to some of the old streets.

Parks Expenses and Revenues – supplies, Mr. Dickerson explained that the number for last year was skewed due to the \$7,897 for park benches/trash cans and \$19,100 for brick sidewalks in bi-centennial; capital expenditures park upgrades repairs include barbeque pits, mulch, etc.; rails to trails expenditure, Mr. Dickerson explained is grant money; grant receipt for parks and recreation, Mr. Dickerson explained that this money is not town money and has already been received (\$75,000 for riverbank stabilization behind the theatre and \$7,500 for downtown beautification/governor's walk).

Water Expenses and Revenues – salary; overtime; pension; training & seminars; maintenance for water tower, Mr. Dickerson explained that the paint on the water tower is peeling off and that the maintenance company will be coming to look at it in early fall and will scrap and repaint it, Councilman Prettyman – mentioned that the water tower in Shipbuilder's Village was doing that as well, Mr. Dickerson made a note of that; loan expenses, Mr. Dickerson explained that it is the principal and interest repayments yearly total until the year 2023 from the state revolving fund 2001 and 2004, Councilwoman Betts – asked if this loan payment includes money toward the principal and Mr. Dickerson confirmed that this is the first year that it does; capital expenditures Mr. Dickerson explained includes \$28,000 for a truck, \$1,500 for a trailer, \$5,000 for tools and plan cabinet, and \$3,500 for a radio, Councilman Dvornick – mentioned a grant from the state for GIS software that was approved within the last two years, which would automatically provide plans to the town and the state would also provide training for it; sale of meters, Mr. Dickerson brought up radio meters as opposed to the existing regular meters, he noted that the cost wasn't much more to purchase but does council want to include this replacement of meters at this time, Councilman Dvornick added that replacing the old regular meters with the radio meters would reduce the errors made and the man power needed to read the meters and the town could go to monthly billing as opposed to quarterly billing; impact fees, Councilman Dvornick mentioned that impact fees should be listed under capital expenditures instead of operating expenses because it is restricted, Mr. Dickerson made a note of this but does not necessarily agree, council has not identified what impact fees and capital expenditures are designated for.

Sewer Expenses and Revenues – salaries; overtime; payroll; taxes, etc; landfill, Mr. Dickerson explained that the number has increased because the dumping has increased because of the existing wastewater treatment plant and use of the centrifuge system; loan expenses; capital expenditures, Mr. Dickerson explained that most this total is money toward the new treatment plant, Mayor Post and Councilman Dvornick stated that there was a GMB contract that should be mentioned in the September or October council minutes of last year, Mr. Dickerson will look into the contract and adjust the \$93,500 as needed, Councilman Dvornick asked if there was any money allotted for construction of the new wastewater treatment facility anticipated in the first quarter, Mr. Dickerson and Mayor Post both said no, a discussion followed regarding funding of the new treatment plant and whether the project should be pushed back, Mayor Post feels that the

project should remain as scheduled and that a sound figure needs to be determined for it to be placed in the budget, however, it should not be funded by a state-revolving fund, further discussion of this topic will be held at Thursday's meeting at the Power House.

MSA (Municipal Street Aid) Expenses and Revenues – Mr. Dickerson stated that we already know how much money the town will be receiving for street aid for the upcoming budget which is \$57,879, with this total street lighting will eat up \$52,200 which does not leave enough money to do street repaving, Mr. Dickerson feels we never receive enough revenue to take care of our streets so the cost will come back to the tax payers or some other creative form to pay for this cost, Councilman Dvornick asked if the \$4,000 contribution per year for three years to the Historical Society that was proposed in 2005 was placed in the budget, Mr. Dickerson stated that he is not aware of this contribution and has not seen anything to support it, Mayor Post asked that Mr. Dickerson make a note to check up on this issue; council had a discussion in regards to the town providing funding toward preservation of historic buildings within Milton, Mayor Post feels that this is something that the town should put into the budget but not necessarily the full amount of \$32,500, council decided to place \$15,000 within the budget.

Mr. Dickerson asked council if he would be able to place the excel budget worksheet that council had a copy of on the town's website, everyone agreed, Councilman Dvornick asked for his name to be taken off of the Admin sheet next to the 200th Anniversary, Mr. Dickerson stated that this would be taken care of, and Mayor Post stated that he would like to see the spreadsheet on the website within the next two days.

Mayor Post closed the workshop at 9:38 p.m.