

Town of Millington

Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

Presents: Mayor Kevin Hemstock
Council Mark Linton
Council Michelle Holland
Council Zita Seals
Council Wayne Starkey

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: Melissa Ireland and Sheriff Hickman

Call Meeting to Order: Council Kevin Hemstock called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes for the July 11, 2023, meeting, was entered by Council Starkey; a second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Susquehanna Operational Services Report: Reviewed

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Hickman reviewed the monthly report.

Town Administrator Report: Reviewed. Admin Manning informed the Council the denial from DHCD for the recent funding request for Senior Housing. Frank has asked if Council would reach out to State and Federal representatives to discuss this project and the importance of funding. The Council agreed to send letters to each representative stressing our disappointment in the decision. Admin Manning explained MRWA pressure tested all fire hydrants and provided a detailed report that will continue to be built upon to include a photo and location of each hydrant on the system. Admin Manning asked Council to amend the special event permit approved last month for the Fire Company's 100th Celebration; due to moving the event from 172 Sassafras Street to the Fire Company's parking lot; they would like to utilize the parking area at 172 Sassafras Street for visitor parking, after discussion the Council unanimously agreed to amend the permit, a vote of 3-0-2 was entered, with Councils Linton and Starkey recusing themselves.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed

Rental Property Report: Reviewed

Old Business:

Admin Manning reviewed MML conference priorities submitted by attending Council. The only response received was from Council Seals. Seals' priorities were participation in National Night Out 2024, forming a youth council, and initiating neighborhood walks by Council.

Admin Manning asked if there were any amendments to the current Emergency Plan, the Plan was forwarded to Council for review in July. There were no comments.

New Business: Admin Manning asked Council to review the chapters 2 and 9 of the Town code for discussion at the next meeting. Mayor Hemstock asked for Chapter 9 to be sent to the Planning Commission for review.

Admin Manning received two bids for the sewer repair at 172 Sassafras Steet. Brambles bid was \$50,350.00 and Lindstrom bid was \$65,000.00. A motion was entered by Council Starkey to except Bramble's bid, a second by Council Seals; a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Admin Manning requested Council consider incentives we can provide to new businesses to relocate or establish themselves in Millington. Suggestions by Manning were tax credits, help create a business plan, and no business license for a year. The Council agreed to the concept and will continue conversation at the next meeting. Admin Manning was asked to reach out to Kent County to determine what they offer.

Public Comments: There was no comment.

Council Comments: There was no comment.

Correspondence: Homeports requested a donation for the health fair at YMCA in October, Council agreed to the same amount as in October 2023, \$300.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM was entered by Council Starkey, seconded by Council Seals, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Starkey, Town Clerk