

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2023

The City of Millbrook held its Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the City Council Meeting Room.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilmember Jones gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER Council President Gay called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL Council President Gay requested the roll be called. Present were Council President Gay, Councilmembers Thomas, Harris, Jones and Bath. Also present were Department Heads Gina Williams, Brandon Harris, Ann Harper, Andrew Markley, Scott Davis, Fire Chief Brown, Police Chief Johnson, Sherry Myrick, Danae Morgan, Contract Engineering Stuart Peters, City Attorney Kelly Lee, and City Clerk Lori Davis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thomas and passed unanimously by voice vote.

READING OF MINUTES Special Council Meeting May 9, 2023. Councilmember Jones moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris and passed unanimously by voice vote.

ORDINANCE 23-02 Amending Ordinance 92-18. Sales and Use Taxes. First Reading. Councilmember Jones moved to summarize Ordinance 23-02 and Ordinance 23-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Thomas, Harris, Jones, Bath, and Gay. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. City Clerk Lori Davis summarized the Ordinances stating the tax rates for sales, use, and rental will increase a total of one percent (1%) from three and one half percent (3.5%) to four and one half percent (4.5%) effective September 1, 2023.

Mayor Kelley described the financial status of the city to be excellent, but the Alabama Legislature will soon vote on bills that could decrease income for cities across Alabama. He then stated the City of Millbrook hasn't increased sales and use tax since 1992, and this tax increase will make Millbrook tax rates equal and closer to the rates of surrounding cities. Council President Gay concluded Ordinance 23-02 is available at City Hall for review.

ORDINANCE 23-03 Amending Ordinance 96-9. Tax on Leasing or Renting of Tangible Personal Property. First Reading. Mayor Kelley summarized Ordinance 23-03 stating it will also increase one percent (1%) from three and one-half percent (3.5%) to four and one-half percent (4.5%) and has not been increased since 1996. Council President Gay concluded Ordinance 23-03 is available at City Hall for review.

RESOLUTION 23-37 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program. Resolution 23-37 was read in full. Action on this Resolution was deferred until later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 23-38 Authorizing Funds for Renovations and a Pole Barn at Millbrook Parks and Recreation Department. Resolution 23-38 was read in full. Action on this Resolution was deferred until later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 23-39 Approving the Use and Grant of Public Funds to RAM Millbrook Hospitality Two, LLC. to Promote Economic Development and the Authorization and Approval of Project Documents. Councilmember Jones moved to summarize Resolution 23-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Thomas, Harris, Jones, Bath, and Gay. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously. Resolution 23-39 was summarized by Clint Graves of Gilpin Givhan, PC, and requested the Council waive the rules to vote on this Resolution tonight. Councilmember Jones moved to waive the rules to vote Resolution 23-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harris and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Thomas, Harris, Jones, Bath, and Gay. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously. Council President Gay concluded Resolution 23-39 is available at City Hall for review. Action on this Resolution was deferred until later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 23-40 Authorizing Funds for Site Clearing at The Marketplace at 17 Springs. Resolution 23-40 was read in full. Action on this Resolution was deferred until later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 23-41 Bid Solicitation for Mill Creek Recreational Trail Phase One. Resolution 23-41 was read in full. Action on this Resolution was deferred until later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 23-42 Bid Solicitation for LED Light Conversion at Legacy Park. Resolution 23-42 was read in full. Action on this Resolution was deferred until later in the meeting.

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN Metro Petro C-Store. (Alabama Highway 143 and Alabama River Parkway). Danny Webb of Webb Builders attended the meeting to represent the request. Councilmember Thomas moved to approve the site plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bath and passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT Cops N Kids; October 7, 2023, 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Village Green Park. Councilmember Jones moved to approve the Public Assembly Permit request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bath and passed unanimously by voice vote.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR Mayor Kelley thanked Danae Morgan and Department Heads for their help with Tunes on the Green, and invited everyone to attend the next Tunes on the Green.

REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS Council President Gay thanked Ann Harper and Stuart Peters for all their work on the LED Lighting grant. He also thanked Councilmember Thomas for her assistance with a neighborhood meeting in the Lakeshore Community.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS Chief Johnson announced the Junior Police Academy will be next month. He explained this training exposes them to the training police officers receive, and is a positive way to interact with Millbrook youth. He thanked Council President Gay and Councilmember Thomas for attending the meeting with the Lakeshore Community. He concluded his report by updating everyone on a recent burglary at Millcreek Park.

Ann Harper announced the city received a grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to purchase a recycling trailer and invited the community to use it at the upcoming Farmer's Markets.

Danae Morgan thanked everyone for their help with Mayfest, invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony, and announced upcoming events.

OPEN TO FLOOR Mark and Matthew Robins with Millbrook Hospitality LLC. thanked the city for allowing them to enhance their employment opportunities within Millbrook.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 23-37 Councilmember Thomas moved to adopt Resolution 23-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and passed unanimously by voice vote.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 23-38 Councilmember Harris moved to adopt Resolution 23-38. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bath and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Thomas, Harris, Jones, Bath, and Gay. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 23-39 Councilmember Jones moved to adopt Resolution 23-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thomas and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Thomas, Harris, Jones, Bath, and Gay. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 23-40 Councilmember Jones moved to adopt Resolution 23-40. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bath and a roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Thomas, Harris, Jones, Bath, and Gay. Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 23-41 Councilmember Thomas moved to adopt Resolution 23-41. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and passed unanimously by voice vote.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 23-42 Councilmember Jones moved to adopt Resolution 23-42. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bath and passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Councilmember Bath moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Davis
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Michael Gay
Council President