

*MILFORD CITY COUNCIL*  
*MINUTES OF MEETING*  
*May 3, 2010*

The Annual Organization Meeting of Milford City Council was held May 3, 2010 in the Joseph Ronnie Rogers Council Chambers of Milford City Hall at 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware.

PRESIDING: Vice Mayor Katrina E. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilpersons Steve Johnson, Michael Spillane, Jason Adkins, Owen Brooks, Jr., Douglas Morrow, James Starling, Sr. and Katrina Wilson

Mayor-Elect Joseph Ronnie Rogers

Council-Elect Garrett Grier, III and S. Allen Pikus

ALSO: City Manager David Baird, Police Chief Keith Hudson and City Clerk/Recorder Terri Hudson

COUNSEL: City Solicitor Timothy Willard

#### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Wilson called the Monthly Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation given by Councilman Starling.

#### RECOGNITION

Vice Mayor Wilson then recognized outgoing First Ward Councilman Michael Spillane and former Second Ward Councilman John Workman who resigned early in April due to relocating to Lewes, Delaware. She expressed her appreciation for the work and accomplishments of the councilmen adding they spent many hours volunteering during their tenure.

#### ELECTION REPORT

City Manager David Baird then read the following results of the 2010 City of Milford Election:

“On behalf of the Board of Elections for the City of Milford, I am reporting the certified results of the April 24, 2010 City of Milford Annual Election to be as follows:

In the Mayor’s Race, a total of 1,304 persons voted, with Daniel Marabello receiving 575 votes and Joseph Ronnie Rogers receiving 729 votes. Joseph Ronnie Rogers will begin his two-year term as Mayor of the City of Milford this date, May 3, 2010.

In the 1st Ward—a total of 512 persons voted with Garrett L. Grier III receiving 364 votes and Michael D. Spillane receiving 148 votes. As a result, Garrett L. Grier III has been elected to serve a two-year term as Council Representative of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward beginning this date, May 3, 2010.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward—a total of 354 persons voted with R. Mark Christensen receiving 83 votes and S. Allen Pikus receiving 271 votes. As a result, S. Allen Pikus has been elected to serve a two-year term as Council Representative of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward to begin this date, May 3, 2010.

Given 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilperson Owen S. Brooks, Jr. and 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilperson Katrina E. Wilson each ran unopposed, an Election for those Offices was not required with each beginning their two-year terms this date, May 3, 2010.”

Vice Mayor Wilson then introduced the Honorable Justice Randy J. Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court who was present to swear in the Mayor-Elect and new and re-elected members of City Council.

The Mayor Elect’s wife, Ruth, then held their family bible while Justice Holland administered the Oath of Office to her husband. Following the swearing in procedure, the Oath of Office was signed by Mayor Rogers.

Vice Mayor Wilson then officially turned the gavel over to the newly elected Mayor Rogers.

#### SWEARING IN

Vice Mayor Wilson announced the Honorable Randy J. Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court was present to swear in the Mayor and new and re-elected members of City Council.

Before the swearing in, Justice Holland advised this is the week Law Day is celebrated around the United States and the commitment of the United States to the rule of law and to democracy. He said the Oath of Office being administered to the newly elected mayor and council members is the same taken by the governor and every other elected official. He said what is significant during the oath of office is these officials will acknowledge that the power of their office flows from the people they are privileged to represent. He noted the wording was taken from our first constitution in 1776. America declared our independence from England on July 4, 1776 and Delaware wrote its first constitution in September of 1776. When this country broke away from England, we substituted the democracy based on the people.

Justice Holland stated that today, as we have this transition in government, the same thing we have been doing for over two hundred years is based on the will and the power of the people.

Justice Holland then administered the Oath of Office to Joseph R. Rogers while his wife, Ruth, held the bible for her husband during the swearing-in ceremony. Following, Mayor Rogers signed the Oath of Office.

Mayor Rogers then thanked God, his wife and son and daughter-in-law in addition to his supporters for allowing him to return to this office. He thanked the large number of electors who voted and pledged to those present, that he, along with this council, will try do the absolute best for all of Milford. He said he looks forward to everyone working together for the betterment of the city.

He also recognized his two sisters, Joyce Cline and Barbara Moore.

Justice Holland then administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilman Garrett L. Grier III and S. Allen Pikus, along with re-elected Council Members Owen Brooks, Jr. and Katrina Wilson. Rose Brooks and Darrell Wilson shared bibles with their spouses during the ceremony.

After the swearing in procedure concluded, the newly elected and re-elected Council Members signed their Oaths of Office.

Certificates of Office, certified by the City of Milford Board of Election, were then presented to the newly elected officials.

Mayor Rogers then thanked Justice Holland for taking a moment from his busy schedule to handle this very special ceremony this evening. He expressed what an honor it is that Justice Holland is willing to administer the oath of office not only because he is from Milford, but he was the city solicitor at the time Mayor Rogers was first elected.

*Vice Mayor Nomination*

Mayor Rogers then opened the floor to nominations for Vice Mayor. Mr. Starling nominated Ms. Wilson, with Mr. Adkins seconding the motion.

Mr. Pikus moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Adkins. Both motions carried with no one opposed.

Ms. Wilson expressed her appreciation for councils' confidence in again choosing her as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Rogers then recognized Councilman Pikus. Mr. Pikus recalled in 1972 when Mayor Rogers was first elected to council, he took the place of his Uncle Ben Orkin who vacated that seat when the districts were realigned. He then acknowledged Mr. Orkin's widow Ellan Orkin and his other aunt, Dorothy Sinner.

The mayor then expressed praise for the City Election Board and asked that they stand. Board Members Tamela Mallamo, Joanne Leuthauser and Phyllis Fox received a round of applause from the audience. He emphasized how critical the board is to the success of the election by ensuring the operation runs smoothly.

Mayor Rogers also acknowledged former City Manager Richard Carmean for his forty plus years of dedicated and caring service to the city and thanked him for his continuing support.

Mayor Rogers concluded the meeting by stating he looks forward to working with city council, the city manager, chief of police and city staff and encouraged the input of the citizens.

Mayor Rogers then declared the Organization Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri K. Hudson".

Terri K. Hudson, CMC  
City Clerk/Recorder