

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 9, 2015

The Monthly Meeting of Milford City Council was held in the Joseph Ronnie Rogers Council Chambers of Milford City Hall, 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware on Monday, February 9, 2015.

PRESIDING: Mayor Bryan W. Shupe

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilpersons Christopher Mergner, Garrett Grier III, S. Allen Pikus, Dirk Gleysteen, Owen Brooks, Jr., Douglas Morrow, James Starling, Sr. and Katrina Wilson
Former City Manager Richard Carmean, Police Chief Keith Hudson and City Clerk/Recorder Terri Hudson

COUNSEL: City Solicitor David Rutt, Esquire

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shupe called the Monthly Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

He announced that Former City Manager was filling in for City Manager Hans Medlarz who had another commitment this evening.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Pikus, seconded by Mr. Grier to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 and January 26, 2015 Council Meetings. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION

Proclamation 2015-03/City of Milford Goes Red Month & Wear Red Day

Cardiology Manager Cathy Mundorf of Bayhealth Medical Center requested the City of Milford assist the American Heart Association by promoting the month of February in the city as "Heart Month." Bayhealth is involved in a number of related events such as "Go Red" whose purpose is to increase heart healthy awareness for women.

Mayor Shupe read the following proclamation, proclaiming February 2015 as City of Milford Goes Red Month and Saturday, February 14, 2015 to be Wear Red Day in the City of Milford:

*Proclamation 2015-03
City of Milford Goes Red Month & Wear Red Day*

WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of women yet is often preventable; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases cause one in three women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute; and

WHEREAS, an estimated forty-three million women in the U.S. are affected by cardiovascular diseases; and

WHEREAS, heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined but is often undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease yet only one in five American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, women comprise only twenty-four percent of participants in all heart-related studies; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease, and the gap between men and women's survival continues to widen; and

WHEREAS, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement has been impacting the health of women for ten years and more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved and 330 fewer women are dying every day; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 11th Birthday of National Wear Red Day on February 7, 2015, Go Red for Women is asking all women across America to Go Red by wearing red and speaking red:

**Get Your Numbers: Ask your doctor to check your blood pressure and cholesterol.*

**Own Your Lifestyle: Stop smoking, lose weight, exercise and eat healthy.*

**Realize Your Risk: Women think it will not happen, but heart disease is the cause of one in three female deaths each year.*

**Educate Your Family: Make healthy food choices for you and your family; teach your kids the importance of staying active.*

**Don't Be Silent: Tell every woman you know that heart disease is their number one killer.*

**Raise your voice at GoRedForWomen.org.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryan W. Shupe, Mayor of the City of Milford, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2015 as City of Milford Goes Red Month and Saturday, February 14, 2015 to be Wear Red Day in the City of Milford and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color red and by increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Milford, Delaware to be affixed this 9th day of February, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Mayor Shupe then presented Ms. Mundorf with the proclamation.

Proclamation 2015-04/National African-American History Month

Mayor Shupe then proclaimed February as African-American History Month in Milford and read the following proclamation into record:

*Proclamation 2015-04
African-American History Month - February 2015*

WHEREAS, much of the City of Milford's honor, strength and stature can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this area; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played significant roles in the history of the State of Delaware and the City of Milford's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, hard work, intelligence and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to the State of Delaware and the City of Milford by achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Americans have recognized black history since 1926, first as Negro History Week, later as Black History Month

and today as National African-American History Month; and

WHEREAS, National African-American History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights and strengthened families and communities; and

WHEREAS, during National African-American History Month, all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and to continue improving society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryan W. Shupe, Mayor of the City of Milford, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2015 to be AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH in the City of Milford; I further encourage all residents to join me in honoring the many contributions made by African Americans throughout this community and to participate in the many educational events honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Milford, in the State of Delaware to be affixed this Twentieth day of January in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Councilwoman Wilson thanked Mayor Shupe for recognizing African-Americans in Milford. Mr. Starling asked that Mayor Shupe provide President Jean Wylie with a copy.

MONTHLY POLICE REPORT

Police Committee Chairman Morrow presented the monthly police report. Mr. Pikus moved to accept the monthly police report, seconded by Mr. Grier. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Medlarz submitted the following report:

Administration:

- " Made contact with a number of key businesses
- " Attended a symposium with School District officials
- " Coordinated Bayhealth campus utilities with representatives
- " Started mediation process between residents and Carlisle Fire Company regarding downtown siren use
- " Hosted an afternoon with Senator Carper and the Mayor
- " Coordinated design aspects of the DeIDOT Safe Routes to School project
- " Completed Rural Development compliance review
- " Coordinated possible public works agreement for S.E. utility expansion
- " Developed framework for solid waste ordinance revisions
- " Started electric tariff reviews
- " Distributed copy of the "Smoking Prohibited" ordinance adopted by Council in December to Americans for Nonsmokers Rights Foundation, Berkeley.
- " Completed annual bond disclosure documents

Electric Department:

- " Attended Thompsonville Overpass preconstruction and on site coordination meetings
- " Worked through connection issues regarding Watergate townhouse bldg. 3
- " Conducted several electric tariff meetings
- " Attended AMP Workshop "Basic Cost of Service Concepts" in Philadelphia
- " Continued tree trimming operations along Old Shawnee Rd. and Evergreen Terrace
- " Completed foundation for City Hall lighting Project