

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 9, 2018

A Meeting of Milford City Council was held in the Joseph Ronnie Rogers Council Chambers at Milford City Hall on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

PRESIDING: Mayor Archie Campbell

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilpersons Christopher Mergner, Mike Boyle, Lisa Ingram Peel, Todd Culotta, Owen Brooks Jr., Douglas Morrow and James Starling Sr.

STAFF: City Manager Eric Norenberg, Police Lieutenant Edward Huey and City Clerk/Recorder Terri Hudson

COUNSEL: City Solicitor David Rutt, Esquire

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Campbell called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Accountant Suzannah Frederick was also present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

Adoption/Ordinance 2018-27/Electric Tariff Amendment/Appendix B/Residential Rates

City Manager Norenberg referenced the charter showing corrections to Year Two and Three of the Rate Plan presented to City Council last April. During that time, a rate study was performed that was discussed with Council and the Public Works Committee.

During the final presentation, they provided charts for each of three years for the various rate categories in the City. One of the key goals of the study was to analyze the cost of service for each of the customer classifications for the purpose of balancing the rates in an attempt to hopefully reduce rates.

Unfortunately, about a week before the final presentation, another version of the document was submitted that included a change in a portion of the residential rates. The original version was part of the ordinance introduction and those residential rates were not updated in the ordinance adopted by Council at a later meeting. As a result, the residential rate being charged to customers did not align with those included in the last presentation to City Council.

The City Manager asked that City Council adopt the Ordinance that were presented to City Council in May 2017. Customers will then receive a credit for the difference in those summer rates. With the reduced summer rates, the City would be comparable to what is being charged by Delmarva Power and would end up somewhere in the middle of the other municipalities.

The 6,000 plus residential customers will receive a credit on their bill over the next several weeks. Anyone that is moving and/or who has closed their accounts since June, will be mailed a check to their forwarding address.

It was confirmed the credit would be displayed on the next bill. A PDF version is available of the itemized bill if anyone wants to review them.

Ms. Frederick also explained that should a customer come in to close their account, the meter tech will be sent for a final read. At that time, the bill will be calculated and the credit posted to that account.