## TOWN OF MILLINGTON Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes February 9, 2021

| Present:               | Mayor CJ Morales<br>Council Wayne Starkey<br>Council Kevin Hemstock  |
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| Town Administrator:    | Jo Manning   |
| Public & Others:       | virtual meeting held through conference call due to coronavirus pandemic<br>and State mandates in attendance via phone were Trish McGee, Kent<br>County News |
| Call meeting to order: | Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.  |

## Pledge of allegiance was recited

**Minutes of previous meeting:** A motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2021 meeting was entered by Council Hemstock; a second by Council Starkey, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Reviewed.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed.

Rental Property Report. Reviewed.

Maryland Environmental Services Report: No report received.

**Town Administrator Report**: Reviewed. SHA resumed work on the Urban Reconstruction project today. Council agreed to notify property owners through a postcard mailing of reinstitution of water shut off and the future tax sale for delinquent accounts. MDE contacted the office regarding available funds for an I & I project in the future. Council requested a letter be mailed to the Governor's office, the Senate, and the House of Representatives regarding the issue with MES' demand of payment in full or termination of the contract. Carolyn Bowers submitted her resignation letter to take a job closer to her home, Council accepted the resignation and instructed Administrator Manning to advertise the position.

Engineer's Report: No report received.

## **Old Business:**

GF Budget – Council reviewed the worksheets for the upcoming budget; Delmarva WiFi has not adhered to it's contract, Council requested a letter with 30 days to pay in full or removal of equipment be drafted and to contact David Wright, Attorney for a status of this company; Council agreed to an increase in the property tax of 5% the upcoming fiscal year with a maximum of a 10% increase in the next five (5) years, paperwork will be prepared; Council discussed the current trash fee and asked to be provided with a worksheet showing the breakeven point

UF Budget – Council reviewed the worksheets for the upcoming budget; the UF has been working in the negative for a couple of years even with minor adjustments to the rates; Council agreed to an increase of the water rate to \$32.00 and the sewer rate to \$31.56 (monthly rates), paperwork will be prepared;

Council agreed a letter be sent to Kent County Commissioners asking to discuss the amendment of the current utility agreement to discuss the fee structure

## **New Business:**

Stormwater Management Ordinance – a draft storm water management ordinance was reviewed; the ordinance will be introduced at the March meeting, with a public hearing scheduled for April.

**Council comments:** There were no comments.

Public Comments: There were no comments

Correspondence: There was no correspondence to review.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM was entered by Council Hemstock, seconded by Council Starkey, a vote of 3-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jo Manning Town Administrator