



**Minutes of the
Millcreek City Council
July 16, 2018
5:30 p.m.
Work Meeting**

The City Council of Millcreek, Utah, met in a special public work meeting on July 16, 2018 at City Hall, located at 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, UT 84106.

PRESENT:

Council Members

Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor
Silvia Catten, District 1
Dwight Marchant, District 2
Cheri Jackson, District 3
Bev Uipi, District 4 (excused)

City Staff

Laurie Johnson, HR-Finance Director
Rita Lund, Communications & Programs Director
Elyse Greiner, City Recorder
Kurt Hansen, City Services Director
John Miller, Public Works Director
Francis Lilly, Community Development Director

Attendees: None.

WORK MEETING – 5:30 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Silvestrini called the work meeting to order.

1. Discuss and Plan Town Hall Meeting on July 26, 2018

Mayor Silvestrini said the meeting's purpose is to plan the town hall meeting next week. He would like the Council to show unity and divide the labor in presenting the material. He said he has worked with Laurie Johnson on a property tax PowerPoint. Council Member Marchant said the County's computer cannot go higher than 999% so that is what the statements will say, but the tax increase amount is 3,153.32%. It was said that the Council should explain to residents that the change with the tax is that residents will not be paying taxes to SLVLESA but will be paying it to Millcreek. Council Member Jackson asked if there should be a copy of a property tax statement picture on the slideshow. Mayor Silvestrini said his property tax notice could be used or they could find one that is of the average home value.

Millcreek will continue to be served by Unified Police Department (UPD) and the property tax will be solely dedicated to pay for police services and the borrowing fees to finance it. Council Member Jackson if the amount goes into the General Fund. Johnson said yes, it is not in a separate fund. Mayor Silvestrini mentioned that someone may bring up that had Millcreek, Riverton, and Herriman not left SLVLESA, that SLVLESA's rate may not be as high as it is now. He said the fact is that what Millcreek will be levying is less than what SLVLESA and Herriman will be levying. Johnson said Herriman will have a blended tax rate which includes a general operations tax line item and a Herriman Law Enforcement Service Area line item. Mayor

Silvestrini said a Herriman resident, on the same value of house, is paying more than a Millcreek resident. The Millcreek property tax is calculated by multiplying the 55% taxable value (\$217,330) of the average market value (\$395,145) by the tax rate (0.002012), which equals \$437.27.

Council Member Marchant said the people coming to the meeting do not know the information about Herriman. They care about the SLVLESA amount, that Millcreek provides more officers, they will be paying a lower rate than had Millcreek stayed in SLVLESA, Millcreek is going to stay with UPD, and officers are receiving a 3-4% salary increase. Council Member Jackson added that there is also more administrative control. Johnson said residents care about the cost, service level, and administration/control.

Mayor Silvestrini said the big points of the meeting are the property tax, an update on the general plan and town center, and introducing department heads, then opening the floor to the public for questions. Mayor Silvestrini said Council Member Marchant should say his 5 points at the beginning of the presentation, then he would give the PowerPoint presentation, then they could recap the points at the end. Kurt Hansen asked if the PowerPoint explains why the City left SLVLESA. Council Member Marchant said Millcreek would have been the only city in the district had they not left. Council Member Catten said if it is not addressed, it will get asked. Mayor Silvestrini said he would say the City left SLVLESA in January 2018 because Millcreek would have had a 1 out of 9 vote on control of over costs and level of service.

The Council decided the flow of the meeting would be the following:

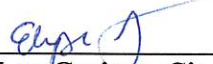
- 1- Council Member Uipi will open the meeting and welcome the public, introduce the Council, and go over the agenda, which will include a short presentation then questions by the public.
- 2- Council Member Marchant will start the property tax presentation by sharing his points.
- 3- Mayor Silvestrini will go through the property tax PowerPoint.
- 4- Council Member Jackson will introduce the department heads.
- 5- Francis Lilly will give a general plan update and show the online map.
- 6- Mike Winder will give a town center update.
- 7- Rita Lund will talk about newsletters and events.
- 8- Kurt Hansen will talk about code enforcement and building permits.
- 9- John Miller will introduce the citizen request form on the website in his presentation.
- 10- Council Member Catten will moderate the question and answer period. Mayor Silvestrini said the open question period is for any topic related to Millcreek. If the public addresses a specific concern, Council Member Catten will have them talk to someone after the meeting. Miller said staff could explain the process for a general concern, but not address a specific concern then.
- 11- Mayor Silvestrini will wrap up the meeting and extend an invitation to the public to participate in other city events and meetings.
- 12- The meeting will end at 9 p.m.

Council Member Marchant asked if someone should talk about how many employees are working for the City and about the city hall expansion. Johnson said to have the information available but not share it unless it gets brought up, then John Geilmann can speak to it.

Miller asked what the Council will say when people ask what the catch is for paying less and getting more services. Mayor Silvestrini said the City is not paying less. The tax increase is smaller because the Council is offsetting costs by added \$350,000 of tax revenue from the general fund. Millcreek is paying more for police because of the increase that UPD is charging. Council Member Jackson said Millcreek was subsidizing other service area members in SLVLESA because of high property values in Millcreek, so by leaving SLVLESA, Millcreek can use all its money instead of only part. Council Member Marchant said the City is paying more, but had the City stayed in SLVLESA, residents would have been paying even more. Mayor Silvestrini said they could have an actual property tax notice as a slide, then an enlarged image of the portion showing the SLVLESA line item on another slide and an enlarged image of the Millcreek line item on a third slide. The Council agreed with that idea and Johnson will work on editing the PowerPoint.

ADJOURNED: Council Member Marchant moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Council Member Catten seconded. Mayor Silvestrini called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:  _____ **Date** 
Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor

Attest:  _____
Elyse Greiner, City Recorder

