

## **MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL**

**May 28, 2019**

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Stoner called for a moment of silence to honor Alderman John Miller, who passed away May 15, 2019. Kathy Sweet of Monticello United Methodist Church followed the moment of silence with prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Tammy Sebens, Pam Harlan, Tom Reed, John Frerichs, Rodney Burris, Jeremy Jones  
Absent: Wendall Brock

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Jim Grabarczyk, Public Works Director; John Carter, Chief of Police

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Steve Shreffler began Public Participation at 7:02 pm and ended at 7:04 pm. He urged the Council to do what other municipalities are doing and publish the budget. Public input is good and necessary to make informed decisions, and this is our money and we should have a say in how it is spent. Mr. Shreffler acknowledged the monthly budget reports presented at Council Meetings, but states these are not the budget. He feels if the public has input in the budget process it will result in a better end product.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Claims Report (Claims dated May 14, 2019 through May 28, 2019)
- b) Meeting Minutes –City Council Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019; City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019
- c) Budget Report – April 2019
- d) Treasurer’s Report – April 2019

With no questions from Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderwoman Harlan, to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Stoner is taking applications for the Ward 4 vacancy on Council due to the passing of Alderman John Miller. Please apply on the City website, and the deadline to apply is Friday, June 9, 2019.

The Mayor welcomes Katie Davidson, owner of Harmony Healthcare, which is a new downtown business opening next week. The Mayor mentioned the following upcoming events: Monticello Family Aquatic Center is now open for the season; Horizon Hobby's RC Fest is June 7 at Eli Field Model Park; the first Monticello Movie Night featuring "Mary Poppins Returns" is Saturday, June 8, and is sponsored by Hartfield Book Company and the Monticello Mercantile (Kona Ice will be present for treats); Monticello Maker's Market is Sunday, June 9.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Administrator Summers gave an update on the following upcoming projects:

#### **Center/Bridge Street and Marion Street Project**

This project will encompass Center/Bridge from Market Street west to the end of our jurisdiction. This project does not include the bridge over the Sangamon River or the bridge over Interstate 72. Our current FY2019 budget includes 1.8 million dollars under the Motor Fuel Tax expenditures and the project will also include an additional \$500,000 from Federal STU money. It is scheduled for the **June 14<sup>th</sup>** IDOT bid letting. It includes milling or removal of the existing road surface, patch work, ADA compliant sidewalk ramps, new hot mix asphalt and associated stripping, and is estimated to take 55 working days to be completed this fiscal year.

#### **Washington Street and Market Street**

Our current FY019 budget includes \$324,000 under the Motor Fuel Tax expenditures. It is scheduled for a bid letting on **June 11<sup>th</sup>**. It includes a pedestrian activated at-grade crossing of Market Street on the south side of Washington Street. All four quadrants of the intersection will receive new ADA compliant curb and gutter. The northeast quadrant will have a new curb "bump-out" in order to facilitate the ADA grade requirements. There will be a new 8' wide sidewalk on the

east side of Market Street from Washington Street to Main Street. The majority of the “street scape” enhancements will occur on the south side of Washington Street from the public alley to Market Street and will include lower sidewalks, elevated platforms to provide ADA compliant access to those buildings, with the same decorative railings as the west and east sides of the square. Staff will be hosting a neighborhood meeting with the affected owners and tenants at 9:00am on June 10<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

Alderman Frerichs questioned how long this project will take to complete. Terry Summers answered that the engineers anticipate the project to take less than two months, and that it is in the contract that the work is completed prior to the Monticellobration in September.

### **Downtown Alley behind CF&H Insurance and These Four Walls**

Our current FY2019 budget includes General Fund Capital Improvement expenditures for pavement removal, storm sewer installation, labor for new water services, and new concrete pavement. This work will be performed entirely by our Public Works department and City Staff, and is tentatively scheduled to begin in August.

### **Bike and Hike Trail from County Farm Road to Greenapple Lane**

Our current FY2019 budget includes \$145,000 under the Motor Fuel Tax expenditures. The project consists of an 8’ wide concrete surface with 2’ aggregate shoulders. We remain in a holding pattern for final IDOT sign-off and approval.

### **Pepsin Site**

Mr. Summers passed out a map to Council illustrating this site. A Request for Proposal is anticipated by late summer of this year. Tract 8 was addressed, and Mr. Summers reports the original reason for working toward acquisition of this small piece of property was that it was needed to realign Railroad Street to improve safety. The Comprehensive Site Plan was approved in late 2018 by IEPA. The Remedial Action Plan was reviewed by IEPA this year and disapproved due to the results of the groundwater report. The remedial work should be completed this summer, with the RFP to follow. The idea of the Pepsin Hill RFP is to continue the look and feel of the downtown. Alderman Frerichs questioned if this will extend to Livingston Street, and Mr. Summers stated the intent is to parallel the tracks from the trestle and connect to Livingston.

With no further questions regarding the upcoming projects, Alderman Burriss asked how the WWTP project is coming. Mr. Summers states that although there have been the expected hiccups, we are on schedule for completion, and near on budget. Jim Grabarczyk confirmed this statement and said 90% of the plan is complete.

**ALDERMAN'S REPORT:**

There were no Aldermen's Reports. Alderman Burris thanked the City Staff for welcoming him at the Municipal Building. Mayor Stoner urged all of the Council to please remember to stop in and see City Staff any time with questions or concerns.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Carter reports that Officer Carolyn Wallenberg will become a part-time officer as of this Friday, May 31. The interview process is currently underway to hire another part-time officer, and two individuals are scheduled for interviews.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

See New Business Section for report on upcoming projects. City Administrator Summers also informed the Council that the City's new mechanic, Joshua Mohr, began employment on May 23.

A motion was made by Alderman Frerichs, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Jill Potts

City Clerk