

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2019

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

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Rodney Burris, of Open Hearts Foursquare Church, led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

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

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Jim Grabarczyk, Public Works Director; John Carter, Chief of Police, Maura Metcalf, Finance/HR, Callie McFarland, Economic Development, Brett Baker, Planning and Development

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report (Claims dated May 29, 2019 through June 10, 2019)
- b) Meeting Minutes –City Council Meeting Minutes May 28, 2019
- c) Permit Report – May 2019
- d) Police Report – May 2019
- e) Police Pension Annual Report 2019

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The following was reported by the Mayor:

The Farmer's Market will begin for the season this Thursday, from 3:30-6:30. This is the 20th year that Monticello Main Street has held this event.

Father's Day train rides will occur this weekend, June 15th & 16th at the Monticello Railway Museum.

Catch up on the latest happenings at Allerton at the Allerton Blend meeting, Thursday, June 20th, 9am at Greenhouse Café

The annual Piatt County Trailblazers' Rodeo is Thursday, June 20th - Saturday, June 22nd, with the rodeo parade Saturday.

June Steam weekend is June 22nd & 23rd at the Railway Museum.

The Annual Joint Review Board meeting for the TIF District #2 is Friday, June 21st, at 1pm at the Municipal Building.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2019-30: A Resolution Approving a Shared Agency Agreement with Motorola and Piatt County

An overview of this request was presented by Sheriff Dave Hunt. Mr. Hunt reported that this agreement with Piatt County, the City, and Spillman Software would bring us up to speed on data and storage systems. Piatt County is the backup for Dewitt and Ford County, and those counties have requested we join the record management system in question. This system will allow officers to "receive real-time information while on the street". Following Sheriff Hunt's presentation, Mayor Stoner asked the Council if they had any questions. Alderman Burris asked if they would have to update any hardware for this system. Chief Carter replied that we will have to continue upgrading the systems in our police cars, and that 5 of the 8 are outfitted for 4G. We will have to purchase no new hardware.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Frerichs, to approve Resolution 2019-30. A voice vote was taken with all present voting yes.

Airport Update Presentation – Discussion Only

Mike Atwood gave a presentation regarding the current status of the airport, and gave a brief history for the new Council members. In the past the City involvement with the Airport was twofold – a municipal sponsor, and financial assistance (\$5,000 per year). Mike Atwood wanted to assure Council that no action is needed now, but he wanted them to know that the small group is still working behind the scenes. Studies are being done by an engineering firm, and 6-7 properties have been identified as potential locations for the airport. Mayor Stoner stated that he was glad work is still being done, and Alderman Frerichs asked if there was a timeline. Mr. Atwood stated they have willing landowners, and that they are hoping to move to the next step within a couple of months. Alderman Burris questioned how long a lease would be, and Mr. Atwood stated they are hoping to acquire land as opposed to leasing.

Ordinance 2019-27: An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Reds Addition

Brett Baker reports that Robert M. Cox with Survey Solutions LLC has submitted a Final Plat for Red's Addition, located within the City of Monticello, and supporting documents to City staff for review. This Subdivision will take two lots and moves the property lines to enlarge the lot of the adjacent property owner. The lots will become Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Red's Addition, located on Fisler Road. This Replat meets the definition and requirements of Chapter 152 Section 152.044(f) of the Municipal Code (Expedited Final Plat Submission, Review and Approval, Subdivision, Minor). This subdivision requires no preliminary plan, public hearing, or action of the Planning and Zoning Board, but does require City Council approval by way of ordinance passage.

Alderman Sebens asked if this is simply a redistribution of the same area, to which Mr. Baker replied yes. The action is moving one property line to enlarge lots.

A motion was made by Alderman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Harlan, to waive the second reading. The motion passed with five members voting yes, and Alderman Jones voting no. A motion was made by Alderman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Harlan, to approve Resolution 2019-27. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2019-28: Acceptance of Proposal to Furnish Materials and Approval of Award. 2019 MFT General Maintenance Oil and Chip Seal Coat

This Illinois Department of Transportation's required Resolution provides for City Council approval and award of this year's oil and chip seal coat operations to Illiana Construction. Attached to the Resolution is the bid tab as well as the map of this year's program. Alderman Frerichs questioned if there were only two bids, and Mr. Baker stated yes, and that receiving only two bids is typical.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve Resolution 2019-28. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2019-29: A Resolution Approving the Creation of a Business Development District Plan

City Administrator Summers introduced Keith Moran with Moran Economic Development. Mr. Moran passed out documents to Council concerning the Business Development District Plan. Mr. Moran reiterated to the Council that if this Resolution is passed, no sales tax will occur until the Council votes to say so. Mr. Moran covered the goals and objectives of this plan, citing public safety, retaining/recruiting business, repair and renovation, beautification, and maintaining/improving utilities and streets. He reviewed the blight analysis that was completed of the area, stating our area easily qualifies, as the blight analysis indicated that we meet specifications with four qualifying factors (only one has to be met to be approved). He also discussed Monticello's current sales tax in relation to nine other communities, and pointed out Monticello is comparatively low (number nine out of ten). Alderman Frerichs questioned the success of the plans for Farmer City and Cerro Gordo, two cities that Moran has worked with. Mr. Moran stated that they are both to the point that they are making public improvements, but pointed out the difference is that they don't generate the amount of money to tax that Monticello does. Mr. Frerichs questioned the climate of the public hearings regarding these two, and Mr. Moran reported there were no major problems. He stated that because Monticello does not currently have a grossly high sales tax, he does not think the public sentiment will be negative. The Council and Mr. Moran further discussed the plan and public reception, and Callie McFarland summarized the business owners' and other organizations' (Main Street, Chamber) attitude of wanting to see progress and maintaining a vital downtown.

Alderwoman Sebens made a motion to pass Resolution 2019-29, which was seconded by Alderman Jones. The motion passed with all present voting yes.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT:

Alderman Frerichs passed out and read aloud written material entitled "A Reason to Stay", tying this in with discussion tonight regarding the importance of a city's downtown. Alderman Jones

shared an experience he had in downtown Champaign last weekend, and said he would love for Monticello to have more events on weekends to bring people downtown.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Carter reminded everyone that Friday, June 14, is Flag Day. Flags will be placed in the community accordingly.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers reported that a Washington Streetscape meeting was held at the Municipal Building this morning with affected business owners/community members. He felt it went well and everyone is excited that this work is being done.

Mayor Stoner reported to the Council that he has received 8 applicants for the vacant Ward 4 position, and that he will make a decision soon.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Frerichs, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk