

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

January 13, 2020

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Alderman Rodney Burris led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

ROLL CALL: Present: HARLAN, KOON, BURRIS, BROCK, SEBENS, FRERICHS,
REED

Absent:

Vacancy: JONES

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf,
Finance/HR; Chief John Carter, MPD; Jim Grabarczyk, PW Director

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report (Claims dated December 10, 2019 through January 13, 2020)
- b) Meeting Minutes –City Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019
- c) Budget Report – November 2019, December 2019
- d) Fire Report – November 2019
- e) Police Report – December 2019
- f) Permit Report – December 2019
- g) Correct Ordinance and Resolution Numbering: Resolution 2019-72 (Resolution of the City Council of the City of Monticello Approving the City Budget for FY 2020) change to Resolution 2019-74.

With no questions or comments, a motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, 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:

Mayor Stoner welcomed Sticks & Stones Vintage Upcycling and Curiosities, which opened in downtown Monticello at 206 W Washington. Registration is now open for the 10th round of Bootcamp, which begins February 18.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment – Monticello Fire and Rescue Department – Fire Chief John Rupkey:

Mayor Stoner welcomed John Rupkey, and shared with the Council the experience that he brings to the position of Fire Chief. He stated he is looking forward to working with him, and asked for a motion to approve the appointment of John Rupkey as Fire Chief. A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, with the appointment passing 7-0.

Public Hearing - Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2020-01:

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 pm. Steve Shreffler questioned a pdf document that was included in the agenda posting regarding the appropriation, stating he did not understand why it was included, as it contained information from 2017. After examining the document, it was explained by City Staff that this was a working document that was included with the agenda information in error. With no further questions from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

Ordinance 2020-01; Approval of the FY 2020 Annual Appropriation Ordinance

Terry Summers presented the following:

The City Council annually adopts an appropriation ordinance, which must be passed during the first quarter of each fiscal year. A Public Hearing is held prior to the consideration of the appropriation ordinance and was placed on this agenda and scheduled earlier during this City Council meeting. (The public hearing notice was published in the January 1st, 2020 and January 8th, 2020 editions of the Piatt County Journal Republican in accordance with State Statutes). The appropriation ordinance serves as the City's legal spending authority and sets the maximum legal spending limit for the year. The appropriation ordinance is slightly inflated over the adopted FY 2020 Budget to allow for unforeseen revenues and/or expenditures.

With no questions or comments, a motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderwoman Harlan, to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2020-01. The motion passed 7-0. A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to approve Ordinance 2020-01. The motion passed 7-0.

ALDERMEN’S/ALDERWOMEN’S REPORT:

Alderwoman Sebens reported she has noticed the grates surrounding the trees on the square are standing up 2-4 inches above ground level, and are a tripping hazard.

Alderwoman Harlan stated she is hoping we can take a look at our Christmas decorations that are placed throughout the City, as she feels they are ugly. The Council was in agreement, and Alderman Reed shared a picture of decorations in another town. Discussion then ensued about looking at this prior to the next holiday season.

Alderman Brock welcomed Chief Rupkey, and thanked him for stepping up to this position.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Carter reports he will have Recreational Cannabis ordinances ready at the next Council Meeting which will address possession and smoking in public places. The Officer hiring process will begin within the next two months as there are no current names on the hiring list. He also reported the newest MPD hire, Andrew Livingston, has been deployed, and leaves next week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Terry Summers welcomed Chief Rupkey, and wished good luck and a safe return to Officer Livingston. City Administrator Summers will have Recreational Cannabis policies in draft form at the next City Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk

