

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 2020

Please note that this Council Meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19.

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

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

ROLL CALL: Present: HARLAN, KOON, BURRIS, BROCK, SEBENS, FRERICHS,
REED, VOGT
Absent:
Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf,
Finance/HR; Terry Jones, MPD; Fire Chief John Rupkey; Callie McFarland,
Economic Development

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report (Claims dated May 27, 2020 through June 8, 2020)
- b) Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes May 26, 2020
- c) Fire Report – May 2020
- d) Permit Report – May 2020

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor read a Proclamation regarding the Piatt County Historical and Genealogical Society 40th Anniversary.

Mayor Stoner also presented information on the new mass communication system being used by agencies in Monticello. The Farmer's Market begins June 18 from 3-6pm, and

while the Allerton Park Summer Concert Series will look different due to COVID-19, it will happen. The Mayor thanked all agencies involved for their efforts that resulted in a safe and successful peaceful protest on Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2020-28: Amending Chapter 111 of Title XI (Liquor Code)

The following was presented by Callie McFarland: A Class H Liquor License allows for businesses with an A, B, C or J liquor license to serve food and/or beverages to patrons seated at the tables in the outdoor sidewalk area adjacent to their establishment. The current code allows for 6 Class H licenses, which are occupied by Fieldhouse 219, LLC, Filippo's Pizza & Italian Food, 3Ravens Food & Spirits, Las Maria's Mexican Restaurant, the Main Street Pub, and Monarch Brewing Company. Bergie's, which recently surrendered the Class H to allow for Monarch Brewing Co. to use it when opening this weekend, would like to still offer this option. This ordinance would create an additional Class H so Bergie's can again hold a Class H liquor license for outdoor seating.

Alderman Frerichs questioned if Fieldhouse was open yet, and Callie McFarland answered that they are not, and are playing it by ear, but will definitely reopen at some point. With no further questions, a motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to waive the second reading of this Ordinance. The motion passed 7-1, with Alderman Burris voting no. A motion was made by Alderwoman Harlan, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve Ordinance 2020-28. The motion passed 7-1, with Alderman Burris voting no.

Ordinance 2020-29: Amending Chapter 111 of Title XI (Liquor Code)

Callie McFarland presented the following: With the installation of the parklets in the downtown parking spaces adjacent to their buildings, the downtown bars and restaurants are able to operate in a closer form to normalcy. The parklets have pedestrian fencing between the seating area and the vehicle lane, lighting on the fencing to promote visibility of the space, and patio umbrellas with the "Make it Monticello" brand.

The City of Monticello needs to update the liquor code to allow for this adjustment. The proposed amendments are the addition of the definition of "parklet" and application requirements to the chapter, as well as verbiage that provides the flexibility of length of term to the parklets under the temporary outdoor permit to allow outdoor service on public property. Overall feedback from the businesses participating in the parklets is very positive, and the City Staff and Chamber have been working to make sure we are communicating with the businesses on a daily basis for feedback.

Alderman Koon asked how long this will be in effect, and Callie McFarland answered through August. He questioned if we want to go past August will we need to approve another ordinance?

Callie replied not necessarily, and that a change could be made to the Municipal Code. A motion was made by Alderman Frerichs, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to waive the second reading. The motion passed 7-1 with Alderman Burris voting no. A motion was then made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Ordinance 2020-29. The motion passed 7-1, with Alderman Burris voting no.

ALDERMEN'S/ALDERWOMEN'S REPORT:

Alderwoman Vogt appreciates the work that the City and Monticello Main Street did to make the parklets happen.

Alderman Koon is glad that the Allerton Concert Series is back – he will miss in person concerts but feels this method is a good back-up.

Alderman Burris and Alderman Reed both echoed appreciation for all of the agencies involved in making the protest on Saturday successful, with Alderman Burris adding that Chief Carter shortened his vacation so that he could be here on Saturday.

Alderman Brock asked that the City take a look at a house on East Washington, coming into town, due to tall grass. He also thanked Las Marias for having the courage to remain open on Saturday, and wished other restaurants would have.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Lt. Jones was present to give Chief Carter's report. He read a statement from Chief Carter thanking all agencies and individuals responsible for making Saturday a success. Terry Jones also informed Alderman Brock that he is aware of the house on East Washington and is currently working with a mortgage company regarding the property.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey shared his monthly fire report and also thanked City Administrator Summers for recognizing the Fire Department's contribution to the protest on Saturday. Chief Rupkey appreciated the work of all Piatt County Agencies involved and that gave assistance.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers informed the Mayor and Council that the City is planning to revisit the portion of the Municipal Code that addresses tall grass/nuisance violations, and this will be brought to Council for discussion at a later date. Mr. Summers is proud to be a part of the planning that went into ensuring the protest last Saturday was peaceful and successful, and recognized all agencies and individuals involved.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Harlan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts

City Clerk