

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

February 8, 2021

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Josh Bledsoe of Calvary Baptist Church led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

ROLL CALL: Present: FRERICHS, HARLAN, REED, VOGT, BURRIS, KOON
Absent: SEBENS, BROCK
Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Jim Grabarczyk, Public Works Director; Chief Carter, MPD; Chief Rupkey, Monticello Fire and Rescue

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report (Claims dated January 26, 2021 through February 8, 2021)
- b) Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes January 25, 2021
- c) Permit Report – January 2021
- d) Police Report – January 2021
- e) Fire Report – January 2021

With no questions or comments, a motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

There are 56 businesses in Monticello, Deland, Ivesdale, and Bement that are actively hiring over 120 full and part time positions. View the local job board on the City Website or visit the Piatt County Workforce Development Office for assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2021-08: Authorizing the City of Monticello to Borrow Funds and to Execute and Issue a Promissory Note of the City and Associated Documents

Terry Summers reminded the Council that the purchasing of a new dump truck and air curtain burner were presented during FY2021 budget discussions last year and are included within the general fund budget for FY2021. First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, First State Bank and the State Bank of Bement, Monticello Branch submitted loan proposals with First State Bank offering the lowest interest rate. The 5-year low interest loan will require annual payments of approximately \$57,700.40

With no questions from the Council, a motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to waive the second reading. The motion passed 6-0. A motion was then made by Alderman Frerichs, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to approve Ordinance 2021-08. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2021-09: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds

Public Works Director Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

The departments have a 2002 International 4400 SBA truck VIN 1HTMKAARX2H525251 in need of replacement. The truck performs many critical functions for City operations including snow and Ice removal, hauling brush, hauling dirt from water leaks, hauling WWTP sludge to landfill, and hauling rock for stockpiled materials. The truck, plow, and spreader were appraised by Rush Truck Center to establish a fair market value. Rush Truck Center put the Truck's value at 23,000- 25,000. The Village of Bement has expressed interest in purchasing this truck for the sum of \$24,000, and will be pursuing Village Board approval on February 9th, 2021 should the City Council approve the sale of the truck. Because the truck is being sold to another municipality, sealed bidding is not required. We will replace the truck, plow, spreader with a 2022 International HV507. The costs are broken down as follows:

Truck frame: \$82,958.91

Bed, plow, spreader: \$61,318.00

Freight: \$500.00

License/ Title: \$158.00

Total purchase price for truck: \$144,934.91

Sale of old truck: \$24,000

Total net cost of new truck: \$120,934.91

Mr. Grabarczyk noted that when the City picks up the new truck it will be ready to go other than placing City decals on the truck. Alderwoman Harlan asked how many trucks the City owns like this, with the answer being 5. She asked if there is a rotation with these trucks, and it was reported that Terry Summers, Trevor Mohr, and Jim Grabarczyk are currently working on a “life cycle cost” for the City fleet of trucks/equipment. Alderman Koon questioned why the purchase of these items are on the same Ordinance, and Terry Summers explained this process is done when we deem it necessary to get rid of equipment and surplus. Alderman Burris asked if it is reasonable to assume we could get 20 years out of this truck, and Mr. Grabarczyk replied yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to waive the second reading. The motion passed 6-0. A motion was then made by Alderman Harlan, and seconded by Alderman Frerichs, to approve Ordinance 2021-09. The motion passed 6-0.

ALDERMEN’S/ALDERWOMEN’S REPORT:

Alderman Koon reports that he has had conversations with the Recreation Director in Sauk City, Wisconsin regarding a similar project in scale to what we have proposed (30 Acre Recreation Site). He reports that their town is similar in size to Monticello and the cost of the project is comparable to ours. Alderman Koon encouraged the City to communicate with them to see how we can get our project off the ground.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief John Carter reported that due to their upgrade of the reporting system, monthly reports will look a little different. He shared that one of our full-time police officers is leaving, with his last day being this Wednesday. Fire and Police Commission meeting has been set and the process began to hire a new officer. MPD has been assisting with the COVID-19 vaccination clinic that the Health Department is holding at the Community Building on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief John Rupkey reviewed the January Fire Report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Summers reported that staff met with Farnsworth Group regarding the Burke Park project, and on April 8 two workshops will be held for public input, and online and phone interviews will be held with stakeholders (one being Mr. Burke’s sister). Mr. Summers also stated that the City received great news today – we received the IL EPA preliminary sign-off on Tract 8. This is a huge

step in the right direction for this project. Mr. Summers also reports the Planning and Zoning Board will meet Monday, February 15, and a public hearing will be held for rezoning of the Varner property on N State St and for a preliminary plan of a 5-lot subdivision on this parcel. Council will then hear this at the February 22nd meeting, with an annexation hearing as this parcel is not in the City limits.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts

City Clerk