

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

April 12, 2021

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Jerry Dusenberry of First Christian Church led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

ROLL CALL: Present: VOGT, BROCK, BURRIS, KOON, REED, HARLAN, SEBENS, FRERICHS (Remote)

Absent: None

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Callie McFarland, Economic Development; Chief Carter, MPD; Chief Rupkey, MFRD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Steve Shreffler participated remotely and stated he thought the bleeding had stopped in regard to Tract 8. He also questioned the Nuisance Ordinance on the Agenda this evening and questioned how this is going to work with the Public Works Department brush pick-up.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report (Claims dated March 23, 2021 through April 12, 2021)
- b) Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes March 22, 2021
- c) Permit Report – March 2021
- d) Fire Report – March 2021
- e) Police Report – March 2021

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:

The Mayor discussed job openings in the area and upcoming events in Monticello.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2021-15: Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

Terry Summers presented the following:

The attached Resolution is required by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This Resolution officially requests IDOT to appropriate Motor Fuel Tax funds in the specified amount of \$375,000 for our annual seal coat (oil and chip) operations as well as cold mix paving operations for County Farm Road and Fisler Road rehabilitation. Mr. Summers noted this year the expense is higher due to the cold mix paving. Brett Baker was available remotely for questions – there were none.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Resolution 2021-15. The motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance 2021-16: An Ordinance Regarding Nuisance Greenery and Public Way

Obstructions

Terry Summers presented the following:

In 2020, the City Council directed City Administration to draft revisions to Chapter 93 of the Monticello Code of Ordinances. In particular, the requested revisions pertain to the Public Nuisance section of Chapter 93 and included lowering the maximum height of neglected greenery from twelve inches to eight inches and to provide for additional fines to be imposed for violating the defined public nuisances. Ordinance 2021-16 adds and defines nuisance greenery and provides for increased fines for the first offense as well as an increasing fine structure for multiple offenses. Additionally, language has been added clearly stating the unlawfulness of depositing grass, leaves, yard waste and snow from private property onto public right-of-way. Mr. Summers pointed out that Public Works Brush Pick-up is addressed in this Ordinance. Discussion was held regarding grass in the street, abatement process, and the length of time residents may have brush on boulevard ready for pick-up.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2021-16. The motion passed 8-0. A motion was then made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderwoman Harlan, to approve Ordinance 2021-16. The motion passed 8-0.

Veterans Park: Ideas for a New Park in Monticello – Discussion Only

Terry Summers and Callie McFarland presented the following:

In 2004, the City Council accepted the donation of a tract of land encompassing approximately 5.7 acres at the intersection of North Market Street and Ironhorse Place near the north entrance to town. City Staff has thoughts and ideas on creating a Veterans Park to honor past, current, and future military service men and women at this location. Mr. Summers and Ms. McFarland provided the Council with an overhead presentation, discussing pros and cons of the suggested location of the park and possible improvements that have been informally discussed with key stakeholders. The discussion ultimately resulted in the Council directing staff to move forward with the planning for this park.

ALDERMEN’S/ALDERWOMEN’S REPORT:

Alderwoman Vogt stated she hoped we are doing the parklets again this year and Callie McFarland stated we will and this will be occurring at the end of May.

Alderman Brock questioned if the City can provide any assistance to the restaurants on the South side of the square, as they are at a huge disadvantage in regard to lack of shade.

Alderwoman Harlan would like to revisit the original Conditional Use regarding 1408 N Market, and requested those documents (will be provided by City Staff).

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

The flag program is happening again as a fund raiser for Shop with a Cop. Chief Carter also informed the Council he brought the golf cart that was donated to MPD so that Council may see it.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey reviewed the Fire Report and noted that the Department recently participated in a procession to honor a fallen Illinois State Trooper.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Summers advised the Council that the Planning & Zoning meeting is scheduled for April 19, with those agenda items then coming before Council on April 26.

Closed Session: Real Estate Purchase or Lease 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)

At 8:13pm, a motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to go into Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

At 8:20pm a motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to come out of Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts

City Clerk