

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

July 12, 2021

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

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** MUSE, SEBENS, HARLAN, REED, KOON, BURRIS, BROCK, VOGT

Absent: NONE

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Carlos McClellan, Recreation Director; Mindy Condis, Assistant Recreation Director; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Lt. Terry Jones, MPD; Chief Rupkey, MFRD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Monticello Police Officer Jason Shumard spoke first, thanking City Council, adding that it is an honor to be a Police Officer in Monticello. He appreciates Amber Oberheim and her family, and the fact that he is in a community that will stand behind his family if needed.

Amy Sharwarko, sister of Amber Oberheim, spoke next. Ms. Sharwarko has always understood the value of community and small-town support, and is proud to see how Monticello has reacted to the recent tragedy. She expressed that she is thankful on behalf of her entire family.

Steve Shreffler spoke remotely, asking if there is a Plan B if we cannot raise the ten million needed to complete the Recreation project.

The City Clerk read an email from Monticello Resident Sarah Christman, questioning if the City can make Viobin reduce the smell they are producing. She referenced the negative impact on the downtown square, businesses near Viobin, and property values.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated June 29, 2021 through July 12, 2021)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, June 28, 2021

Treasurer’s Report – May 2021

Permit Report – June 2021

Fire Report – June 2021

Police Report – June 2021

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:

Mayor Stoner gave reminders about the Farmer's Market and Monticello Movie Nights. The Monticello Garden Walk is scheduled for July 17th, and the 703 Honor Celebration and Parade will be August 7th. Congratulations to Willow Tree Missions, who will relocate to the recently purchased Monticello Gymnastics Academy building downtown.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2021-41: A Resolution Declaring Lot 402 of Appletree Fourth Subdivision and the Recreational Improvements Thereto as Oberheim Park

Terry Summers presented the following:

Champaign Police Officer and Monticello resident Christopher "Chris" Oberheim, badge number 703, was shot and killed in the line of duty while responding to a 911 domestic disturbance call with fellow Champaign Police Officer Jeffrey Creel during the early morning hours of May 19th, 2021.

At the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on May 24, 2021, the City Council shared thoughts on ways to honor fallen Police Officer Oberheim. The June 14, 2021 City Council meeting included an agenda item discussing options for honoring Police Officer Oberheim. During this meeting, Amber Oberheim joined the discussion and detailed two passions of her late husband being coaching youth softball and family. Amber expressed her sincere appreciation for what this community has done for her and the Oberheim family and feels that assisting with the development of this family recreational facility and sports complex would provide a meaningful opportunity to give back to the community. The City Council unanimously agreed to partner with the Oberheim family and their endeavors to assist with the development of the recreation complex.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Resolution 2021-41. The motion passed 8-0.

Resolution 2021-42: A Resolution Regarding the Oberheim Park Development Fund

Terry Summers presented the following:

In 2014, the City Council created two funds within the City of Monticello general fund account. Resolution 2014-10 created a parks and playground fund that included all gaming revenues received by the State of Illinois each month be allocated exclusively for the purpose of providing new parks and playground equipment. This parks and playground fund had received revenues in the amount of \$450,729 through the end of Fiscal Year 2020. Resolution 2014-11 created a recreation development fund in the amount of \$400,000 for the purpose of providing the required match to a possible future IDNR/OSLAD grant.

Resolution 2021-42 specifically recalls \$100,000 from the parks and playground development fund and \$400,000 from the recreation development fund to the general (parent) account, and transfers \$500,000 from the general (parent) account to the Oberheim Park development account.

Resolution 2021-42 also renames the recently appointed “30 Acre Multi-Use Outdoor Recreation Committee” as the “Oberheim Park Development Committee” and authorizes the committee to negotiate and recommend development agreement(s), with the assistance of our City attorneys, to the City Council no later than October 15, 2021.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to approve Resolution 2021-42. The motion passed 8-0.

Resolution 2021-43: A Resolution Amending the Rules for Meetings of the City Council

Terry Summers presented the following:

This Resolution removes the language pertaining to the “Adoption of an Ordinance shall normally require two readings.” This language was originally added to the Rules for Meetings of the City Council on April 25th, 2016, with the passage of Resolution 2016-28. A review of meeting minutes suggests that the first time City Council invoked this practice did not occur until a year later during the May 22, 2017 City Council meeting and has occurred a total of five times since 2018.

City Council will still be able to table, to defer, to postpone and to reconsider as has been the practice with and prior to Resolution 2016-28. Please refer to Item (i), (ii), (iii) and item (iv) under “H” on page 2 of 4 of the attached proposed Resolution.

A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve Resolution 2021-43. The motion passed 7-1 (Koon).

ALDERMEN’S/ALDERWOMEN’S REPORT:

Alderwoman Vogt is proud to be a part of this City Council and the community, and is thankful for the leadership. Alderman Brock agreed, stating he is honored and hopes to see this project get off the ground. Alderman Burris attended a Kirby Auxiliary Luncheon today, appreciative of the work this organization does. (They also make a nice lunch.) Alderman Koon questioned if the Municipal Building hours will be changing, and City Administrator Summers stated they will remain 8-5. Alderwoman Sebens echoed the sentiments of Alderwoman Vogt and Alderman Brock, stating this is a prime example of seeing good after a storm. In regard to the letter read during Public Participation about the smell at Viobin, Alderwoman Sebens agrees that at times the smell is almost unbearable. The Mayor informed the Council he and Terry Summers will be meeting with Viobin on Tuesday, July 13th at 10:00 am.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

None

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey agreed with Officer Shumard’s comments during Public Participation, and is proud to serve this community. He also thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the four new MFRD members at the last meeting, stating they are currently in training. Chief Rupkey asked for the Council’s assistance in spreading the word about the Be Alarmed Program, which offers free smoke detectors and installation. He also shared plans for the upcoming 20th anniversary of 9-11, and outlined events that are being planned for that day.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Summers reiterated that he and the Mayor would be meeting with Viobin tomorrow. He also spoke about the sealcoat operations and working around the upcoming Kirby Triathlon on August 7th.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to adjourn the meeting at pm 7:32.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jill Potts
City Clerk