



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM

<b>ITEM:</b> Ordinance 2021-50; An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Property (315 East Center Street)	<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> City Administration
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> New Business	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> Terry Summers, City Administrator
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> (X) ORDINANCE (X) ATTACHMENTS, “EXHIBIT A”	<b>DATE:</b> September 8, 2021

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Monticello purchased this property commonly known as 315 East Center Street in 2014 in anticipation of improvements being made to the building currently occupied by the police and volunteer fire department. In 2019, with the approval of Ordinance 2019-57, the City Council approved a two year lease of the property to A Small Hand – Piatt County Cares, Inc. after approving a variance to allow this use in an RD-urban residential zoned property.

A Small Hand-Piatt County Cares, Inc. is appreciative and grateful for the use of the building and grounds for their benefit and has recently expressed an interest in renewing the lease.

Ordinance 2021-50 contains no revisions, additions or changes to the original ordinance or lease agreement. It will simply extend the lease that is due to expire later this year through 2023.

A Small Hand- Piatt County Cares, Inc. is a non-profit diaper, infant needs and food pantry serving Piatt County citizens in need. They provide approximately 1,500 to 2,000 diapers per week to at risk infants. Their food pantry opened in February 2019 and has served almost 1,000 individuals, approximately ½ that number are children. They collaborate with many different agencies to ensure assistance to foster parents, teachers, and doctors. Piatt County Cares is the portion of their programming which seeks to solve complex social and poverty issues in new and innovative ways.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve Ordinance 2021-50 as submitted.