

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2022

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken Callie McFarland.

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

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Callie McFarland, Director of Community Development; Chief John Carter, MPD; Chief John Rupkey, MFRD, Jim Grabarczyk, Capital Improvements Manager

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Participating remotely, Steve Shreffler questioned why the police department was purchasing a tire machine.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated December 14, 2021 through January 10, 2022)
Meeting Minutes- City Council Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2021
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2021
Permit Report – December, 2021
Fire Report – December, 2021
Police Report- December, 2021
Budget Report- November, 2021

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

There are 39 local businesses hiring; Monticello Main Street's Chocolate Fantasy event is Friday, February 11th; Registration is open for the 12th Monticello Bootcamp small business development program; Welcome to Fitness Premier of Monticello, which is opening at the former location of the Fitness Center of Monticello.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Proclamation "April 3rd, 2022" as Mudpuppy Day.

Mayor Stoner read a Proclamation designating April 3rd, 2022 Mudpuppy Day. Alderwoman Vogt made a motion to approve the proclamation, seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2022-01: An Ordinance Granting a Variance, Michael Wassom, 846 N. Front Street.
Michael Wassom, owner of single-family residence at 846 N. Front Street (RD), would like to construct a 2,016sf and 23' tall detached garage on the property. The maximum area of an accessory building in an RD zone is 1,000sf, and maximum height is 17'. Mr. Wassom has requested variances to both these requirements so he may proceed with his plans. A public hearing was held at the December 20, 2021 Planning & Zoning Board meeting where public comment was solicited and no comments made. The Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of the variance requests (4-0-3). After further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Brock, seconded by Alderman Koon to approve Ordinance 2022-01: An Ordinance Granting a Variance, Michael Wassom, 846 N. Front Street. A voice vote was taken and the Council approved the Ordinance (6-0-2).

City of Monticello 2021 Branding Initiative.

In 2021, the City Council engaged with Clanin Marketing to pursue an updated and uniform branding initiative for the City of Monticello. From the City's rebranding initiative, the Monticello Main Street, Monticello Tourism and Monticello Chamber of Commerce organizations will build upon and complete the process for their respective organizations. Scott Clanin, Anne Matalonis and Sara Cook presented the findings from the branding process, including stakeholders' input, the brand story, design brief, and application examples.

City of Monticello Ward Map Adjustments.

Administrator Summers shared a summary on how the City can best proceed forward with redistricting. Due to the timing of receipt of the legal memo from the City's Counsel, Mr. Summers recommended discussing the ward map adjustments at the following meeting, with a vote at a subsequent Council meeting. The adjustments must be approved by the City Council before August 30, 2022 in order for petitions to accurately be circulated by candidates for the 2023 primary in February.

ALDERMEN'S/ALDERWOMEN'S REPORT:

In recognition of National Law Enforcement Day, Alderwoman Vogt acknowledged the law enforcement and first responders. Alderman Brock thanked the street department for their assistance in removing the holiday decorations, and asked if the City could invest in better ones for the main corridors. After witnessing community businesses closing due to the previous weekend's storm, he also asked the businesses to do better about staying open during weather events. Alderman Koon thanked the City personnel for picking up limbs. Alderwoman Muse asked about Christmas tree pickup, which is Tuesdays through January.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Police Chief Carter reported there were 7 ice-related crashes the afternoon of the ice event. The Department had 2,832 calls in 2021, and he will be meeting with the Fire & Police Commission about filling a vacant full-time position.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Fire Chief Rupkey reported the Department had 30 calls in December, with a total of 430 calls in 2021. The members have completed 1,374 hours of training in 2021.

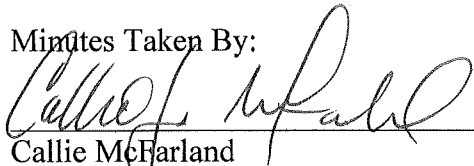
CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers said the truck the City ordered in January of 2021 has been delivered. He anticipates a surplus equipment ordinance for consideration at the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Brock to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, and the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Minutes Taken By:



Callie McFarland
City of Monticello