

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

May 9, 2022

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Alderman Burris led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

ROLL CALL: Present: MUSE, HARLAN, REED (joined remotely at 7:05pm), BROCK, BURRIS, KOON
Absent: SEBENS, VOGT

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Jim Grabarczyk, Director of Planning and Development; Chief John Carter, MPD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated April 26, 2022 through May 9, 2022)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2022

Permit Report – April 2022

Police Report – April 2022

Treasurer’s Report – March 2022

Fire Report – April 2022

With no questions or comments, a motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderwoman Muse, to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Stoner read the Proclamation naming May 15-21, 2022 Police Week. He and the Council commended Chief Carter for the work that MPD does for our community. The Mayor reported that Steeple is now open Wednesday-Saturday 7:00am – 1:30pm. He also welcomed 3R² Event & Coffee Space. The annual trade show for Sangamon Valley CEO is Thursday, May 12th, and the Mayor reminded everyone to visit the Make it Monticello Facebook page for upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayoral Appointments:

Planning and Zoning Board – Michael Beem (5-year term expires April, 2027); Chad Johnson (5-year term expires April, 2027)

Historic Preservation Commission – Maynard Suhre, Keddy Hutson, Ryan Tracy (3-year term expires April, 2025)

Treasurer – Chris Schroeder/Kelly’s Accounting

Police Pension Board – Craig Griswold, Lt. Terry Jones, Chris Schroeder; Gil Yohnka, Brian Fulton, TR Brown

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderwoman Muse, to approve the Mayoral Appointments. The motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2022-16: A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Resolution 2022-16 in its presented form 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 \$75,000 for our annual seal coat (oil and chip). City Council budgeted \$75,000 under line item 05-55173-02 for this work.

The Council had no questions regarding this Resolution. A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve Resolution 2022-16. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2022-17: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the City of Monticello Code of Ordinances Amending the Hiring Standards for Part-time Officers

Chief Carter presented the following:

I have been approached by individuals who were officers in larger agencies that still like the aspect of helping others in their times of need. However, with the climate toward police in some areas they have chosen to take positions that are not in law enforcement. They have asked if we need part time officers. The answer is yes, we can use more part time officers. These individuals have experience as an officer, but not 3 years’ experience as the current municipal code requires and they are not with another agency at this time. All officers have a background check done prior to working with Monticello. We are in need of officers to help cover events in the community and shifts when full time officers are sick or on vacation. Ordinance 2022-17 simply reduces the number of years’ experience from 3 to 1. Chief Carter fielded a few questions regarding how part-time officers will be monitored, which will be the same as always. If standards are not met, part-time officers can be dismissed without a process.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Resolution 2022-17. The motion passed 6-0.

Allerton Public Library District Transfer of Property to the City of Monticello – Discussion Only

Terry Summers reminded the Council that the four acres in question will provide a second direct access from Rt 47 to Oberheim Park. Our attorneys have drafted documents for a multi-phased approach, beginning with the first step, which is to review attached documents tonight. The next step will be to present the documents to the Allerton Library Board/their attorney. Any revisions would be brought to the Council, and process would continue back and forth until documents are approved. If the groundbreaking does not occur in five years, the property will be deeded back to the Allerton Library. Alderman Koon felt five years is reasonable, and suggested we re-visit the topic before the five-year mark. In the event we are close to groundbreaking, we could possibly draft an agreement for extra time. Alderwoman Muse questioned would the City pay for the cost of taking the land back, the answer being yes - we agreed to absorb costs as the land is being given to us. Direction for Mr. Summers was to present documents to the Allerton Library Board and begin the multi-phased process described.

ALDERMEN'S/ALDERWOMEN'S REPORT:

Alderman Brock questioned if there is any projection to improve the parking lines downtown (which are hard to see). Mr. Summers responded there is money in the budget this year for pavement marking. The City continues to attempt to communicate with Varsity Striping, but if they cannot complete the work, we will ensure our own crew will address the problem.

Alderman Burris stated the parklets and new planter boxes look awesome.

Alderman Koon shared that he recently attended a conference in Texas and was intrigued by speaker Andrew Davis, who wrote a book entitled 'Town Inc'. The book addressed ways to market your community. Alderman Koon feels we have great resources in Callie McFarland and Shelly Crawford-Stock, but feels we need to do more to separate ourselves from other comparable towns.

Alderwoman Harlan gave thanks to the Public Works Department regarding the City Clean-Up last weekend, stating the staff professionalism was impressive.

Alderwoman Muse gave a reminder about the MAEF event that will be held Friday, May 13th at the Community Building, outlining what to expect at the gala.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Carter reported that 77 pounds of medication was received during last week's Drug Take-Back. The new officer began Academy training on May 8th.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Muse, to enter into Closed Session Real Estate: Purchase or Lease (Buy) 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) at 7:33pm. The motion passed 6-0. Mayor Stoner stated that following Closed Session, no action would be taken and no further discussion would occur in Open Session.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderwoman Muse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk