

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2022

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Kathy Sweet of Monticello United Methodist Church led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

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

Absent: NONE

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Chief John Carter, MPD; Chief John Rupkey, MFRD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No in-person or remote participation

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated May 10, 2022 through May 23, 2022)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2022; City Council Closed Session

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Budget Report – April 2022

Alderman Brock questioned what the \$5000 + charge is for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Terry Summers replied that it was replacing and maintaining parts. Alderman Koon asked if we had Recreation Program numbers yet for baseball/softball. Terry Summers replied that he can get those numbers to Alderman Koon. 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 the following upcoming events:

- MFAC opens Memorial Day at noon
- Trains running every weekend through October
- Love for Allerton Concert Series begins June 3rd at Allerton Park
- The Piatt County Trailblazers will be hosting the Illinois Junior High Rodeo Association's Rodeo event on June 4th and 5th, and High School finals June 9-12
- Ribbon cutting for Fitness Premier on June 8th
- Horizon Hobby RC Fest June 10-11 at Eli Field
- Piattran's 40th anniversary will be a free community celebration in downtown Monticello on June 11th
- Monticello Movie Nights kicks off on June 11th with Encanto, sponsored by Koester Homes

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayoral Appointments – Matt Olinger, Fire and Police Commission; Rachel Caldwell, Historic Preservation Commission

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderwoman Muse, to approve the Mayoral Appointments. The motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance 2022-18: An Ordinance Redistricting the Wards of the City of Monticello, Illinois Pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code

Terry Summers reported that last year, the City Council began discussions regarding the possibility of redistricting based upon the latest census data. Those discussions advanced through this year. The attached ordinance has been prepared by our city attorneys in anticipation of Council action at tonight's City Council meeting. Dan Bolin, City Attorney, was present to assist and answer any questions. Mr. Bolin explained to the Council that if the boundary map is approved, a motion could be made for the City Clerk to draw lots for Wards 1 and 3. Discussion was had regarding this process. Alderman Brock questioned who checks this (redrawing boundaries after census), and why do it if no one is paying attention. Alderman Koon said it opens the City up for litigation if it is not done. Alderwoman Vogt replied that it is more likely a resident would question this than the State. Dan Bolin stated not doing this could result in a federal lawsuit.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to approve Ordinance 2022-18. The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Muse, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to direct the City Clerk to draw the lot for Ward 1. The motion passed 8-0. The lot was then drawn by the City Clerk. Alderman Koon will be the holdover Alderperson for Ward 1, and Alderwoman Vogt will be the at-large Alderperson for Ward 1.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to direct the City Clerk to draw the lot for Ward 3. The motion passed 8-0. The lot was then drawn by the City Clerk. Alderman Brock will be the holdover for Alderperson Ward 3, and Alderman Burris will be the at-large Alderperson for Ward 3.

ALDERMEN'S/ALDERWOMEN'S REPORT:

Alderwoman Vogt thanked the City for the cookout held last Friday, saying she is proud of our City.

Alderman Koon thanked Mary Vogt and Vic Zimmerman for their service to our community and the school district, as they are leaving their positions after this school year. Alderman Koon appreciated and congratulated this year's graduating MHS class.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Carter reported that a part-time officer has been hired, and he is concentrating on ordinance violations – today he hung 24 door hangers notifying residents of ordinance violations.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey shared the monthly fire report with the Council, highlighting pump training, Narcan training, and a recent donation from an Ivesdale resident for pet respiratory masks. Firefighter Cole Hunt was recognized for graduating from the Academy.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(22) Review of Closed Session Minutes
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Real Estate: Purchase or Lease (Buy)

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to enter into Closed Session Review of Closed Session Minutes 5 ILCS (c)(22) and Closed Session Real Estate: Purchase or Lease (Buy) 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) at 7:29pm. Mayor Stoner stated that following Closed Session, action would be taken (Resolution 2022-19) in Open Session.

At 7:57pm a motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Brock, to come out of Closed Session.

Resolution 2022-19: Release of Closed Session Minutes

The Council reviewed the Closed Session Minutes and determined the following minutes should be released:

No minutes will be released

This will be added to Resolution 2022-19.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve Resolution 2022-19. The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Brock, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk