

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 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, BROCK, BURRIS, KOON
Absent: SEBENS, VOGT

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No remote or in-person participation

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated May 24, 2022 through June 13, 2022)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2022; City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2022

Permit Report – May 2022

Fire Report – May 2022

Police Report – May 2022

Treasurer’s Report - April 2022

Alderman Brock questioned a large miscellaneous supply charge under the Fire Department, and Chief Rupkey explained what supplies that charge encompassed. A motion was made by Alderwoman Harlan, and seconded by Alderwoman Muse, 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 shared a letter of resignation with the Council from Alderwoman Harlan, who will be resigning as Alderperson of Ward 3 effective July 11, 2022. Mayor Stoner thanked Alderwoman Harlan for her service to the City of Monticello. The Mayor then discussed the following upcoming events:

- Wednesday through Sunday Eli Field is hosting Eli Aerotow, a giant-scale model glider air show event
- Farmer’s Market begins Thursday and will run Thursdays from 3-6pm until early October
- Father’s Day Train is running this weekend at the Railway Museum – fathers free with a paying child
- Saturday June 18th is Monticello Main Street’s Music on Main downtown, with live music from noon to midnight
- Piatt County Trailblazer’s Rodeo is June 23-25, with the rodeo parade beginning at 10am on the 25th

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2022-20: Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Resolution 2022-20 is required by IDOT, and is officially requesting that IDOT appropriate \$25,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds for the Preliminary and Design Engineering Services for the access road construction.

With no questions from the Council, Alderman Reed made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-20, seconded by Alderman Koon. The motion passed 6-0.

Residential Waste Hauler Licensure – Discussion Only

Terry Summers began the discussion by stating we currently only have one trash hauler – GFL. Our current licensure structure was adopted in 2018, with Ordinance 2018-47 being provided for review. The Ordinance provides for 4 available licenses. As there are several Alderpersons who were not on Council in 2018, Mr. Summers gave an overview of the 2018 discussion and the process regarding moving to a contractual RFP for competitive bid. At the time, the Council experienced pushback from residents as the general feeling was that the City was attempting to prevent a local hauler from providing service to city residents. The majority of the opposition was due to support for this hauler, with a secondary concern being taking choice away from the residents by dictating one trash hauler. Terry Summers highlighted the following as reasons the City in 2018 felt moving to one hauler was beneficial to all – reduce the number of trucks on the streets, which experience a great deal of wear and tear from the garbage trucks; hauler would pick up on one day only; we would receive competitive bids; and better complaint response. Terry informed the Council that one of the things some communities choose is to have the City complete the billing process for the hauler in order to save the customer money. This would be attached to the current water/sewer billing process. In 2018 when the current ordinance passed, the savings would have only been 65 cents per person, which he feels is not worth the problems the City staff would incur. Discussion was had regarding the issues the staff at the Municipal Building currently face with calls, with Alderman Burriss questioning two staff members present at the meeting that answer the phones. It was explained that while it is understood that front office staff will always receive calls regarding trash service, and other things that we have little or no control over, adding calls for a billing process that we also have no control over would be a tremendous burden. Both Mayor Stoner and Terry Summers stated they do not propose the City be involved in the billing process. The following are main points of the discussion following the overview:

- Gauging trash hauler interest in an RFP was discussed – a hauler recently reached out to Mr. Summers stating their interest in a bid process – not interested in free-market (current licensure process). He estimates we may get 2-3 bids if this route is chosen
- Resident opposition to one hauler in 2018 was discussed in detail

- As it was in the 2018 ordinance, the price structure would be in the RFP with built-in rate increases, as would a senior discount, and stipulations for snowbirds
- The differences in what we are dealing with now compared to 2018 were discussed – the bottom line being that the waste hauling operation has changed – staffing, fuel prices, etc.

The Council felt this initial discussion was positive, and food for thought. It was noted that the information discussed may be in the newspaper, and it will be good to see any community reaction.

ALDERMEN’S/ALDERWOMEN’S REPORT:

Alderwoman Muse wished Alderwoman Harlan well and said she will be missed. Alderman Koon shared that a resident recently stopped him to tell him they are glad to live in and appreciate Monticello.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Carter reported that the newest MPD officer will be graduating August 11th from the Academy. Chief pointed out that they are actively addressing ordinance violations, and noted last month there were 46 violations. This month there have already been 30 issued to date.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey thanked Alderwoman Harlan for her service, and stated she will be missed. Chief reviewed the monthly report, and reported that we will soon have two fire investigators within the department ranks.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

None

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk