

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

August 22, 2022

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call was taken by Jill Potts, City Clerk.

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated August 9, 2022 through August 22, 2022)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2022; City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2022
Treasurer’s Report – June 30, 2022
Police Report – July 2022
Budget Report – July 2022

Alderman Koon questioned if the Corporate Replacement Tax amount is a final number. Terry Summers answered that there should be 3-4 more payments, with an **estimated** ending total of 3.5 million. Alderman Koon asked if the Council will reconvene to discuss the surplus once that number is known, and Mr. Summers stated yes, in budget talks in the near future. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Reed, 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 that there a lot of things going on in our community that positively impact our businesses, organizations, and operations, to include:

Monticello Farmer’s Market this Thursday
Friday Night Dust Up 5pm at Trailblazers
D2 High School Rodeo Saturday 5pm at Trailblazers
Taste of Italy Train Saturday at the Monticello Railway Museum
Summer’s End Concert September 9th 6pm at Allerton Park
Heritage Sunday September 11th at Bryant Cottage State Historic Site
Job Fair this Thursday from 12-2pm at the Community Building
Mayor Stoner also gave a reminder to complete the survey for the comprehensive plan update online through the City’s website.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2022-29: Granting a Variance Adjusting Side Yard Setback from 9.4' to 5' at 520 N Charter, City of Monticello, Piatt County, IL

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Mr. Scott Woods and Mrs. Rachel Caldwell of 520 N Charter, Monticello, IL, 61856, owner(s) of the property are seeking a Variance pursuant to the Monticello Code of Ordinances Title XV (Zoning Regulations) Section 153.077 (Variances). Mr. Grabarczyk added that this house pre-dates the Zoning Ordinance as we know it today, and the applicant is working with architect Keddy Hutson. The requestors desire to adjust the side yard setback from 9.4' to 5' as defined in the City of Monticello Code of Ordinances Title XV (Zoning Regulations) Section 153.019 Table II. The parcel is zoned RD – Urban Residential. A Public notice was sent to all adjacent property owners by certified mailing, as per state statute. Staff received no comments regarding this request. The Planning & Zoning Board held a hearing at the August 15th, 2022 in which no comments were received. After discussion, the Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend the variance request 4-0. The applicants were present for any questions from the Council.

With no questions or comments, a motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to approve Ordinance 2022-29. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2022-30: Granting a Variance Allowing a 5800 SF Structure at 4 Leo Lane, City of Monticello, Piatt County, IL

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Mrs. Julia Atkins of 41027 Fieldstone Road, Champaign IL 61822 is requesting a Variance to allow an accessory structure of 5,800sf under the City of Monticello Code of Ordinances Title XV (Zoning Regulations) Section 153.020. The parcel is zoned RS – Suburban Residential. This project is the first of its kind in the Heritage Subdivision. Mrs. Atkins desires to not have multiple accessory structures and finds it more appropriate to have the wood shop and garden equipment shed all under one roof. A Public notice was sent to all adjacent property owners by certified mailing, as per state statute. Staff received no comments regarding this request. The Planning & Zoning Board held a hearing at the August 15th, 2022 meeting. Two neighboring residents spoke at the PZB meeting in support of the project. There also was one resident at large who expressed support of the variance as submitted. After discussion, the Planning & Zoning Board voted to

recommend the variance request 4-0. Alderman Koon commented that this lot is large (2+ acres) and that the proposed building is proportionate to the lot size.

With no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to approve Ordinance 2022-30. The motion passed 6-0.

ALDERMEN’S/ALDERWOMEN’S REPORT:

Alderwoman Sebens shared she is excited that the downtown pavement striping is happening.

Alderman Clark questioned if putting a crosswalk at South Charter and Marion has ever been considered, due to the large amount of foot traffic at that location. Terry Summers stated that the school placed a crossing guard at South State and Marion last school year on a trial basis, but that to his knowledge one at Charter and Marion has not been discussed.

Alderman Koon was appreciative of the branding presentation that was held last week, stating the designs were impressive to see in print. He also thanked Mayor Stoner for running Summer Singers, and the City and Recreation Department for their support of this program.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Carter stated that MPD’s newest officer, William Kearney, graduated from PTI last week. He introduced Officer Kearney, who was present with his wife Victoria. The Council congratulated him for completion of training and wished him luck.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Terry Summers reported that Monticello Main Street hosted Illinois Main Street (IMS) recently, and commended Callie McFarland and Shelly Crawford-Stock for their presentation. Terry reports positive feedback from IMS, stating the biggest interest was the business district and how we are allocating those funds. The Waste Hauler RFP was sent out on August 12, with the next meeting being a pre-proposal meeting on September 6th. A reminder was given that budget talks will begin soon, and the process timeline was outlined for the Council.

Alderman Brock requested that a representative of the Oberheim Park committee attend the September 26th City Council Meeting and give an update on where we are and how it is going. Terry Summers stated he will check into this.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk

