

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 2022

City Clerk Jill Potts called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Burris led the Council in prayer. Clerk Potts asked for a motion from the Council to nominate an Alderperson to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem in Mayor Stoner's absence. A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to appoint Alderman Brock as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Roll Call was taken by Jill Potts, City Clerk.

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

Absent: Larry Stoner

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Lt. Terry Jones, MPD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No in-person participation. Steve Shreffler had signed up for remote participation, but when acknowledged to speak was unavailable online.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated August 23, 2022 through September 12, 2022)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, August 22, 2022; Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2022

Permit Report – August 2022

Fire Report – August 2022

Treasurer's Report – July 31, 2022

A motion was made by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2022-31: An Ordinance Amending Parking Schedule V (Loading and Unloading Zones)

Terry Summers presented the following:

Filippo's Restaurant, 200 South Market, has a storage building across the street from the restaurant on the north side of Main Street as seen in this photo. There is a parallel parking stall in front of Filippo's storage building that is blocking access to the roll-up door. This parking spot makes use of the building difficult and at times unsafe during icy conditions. Todd Baker (Filippo's) requests the 3rd parking spot to have parking limited to "Loading and Unloading" from 7a.m. - 12:00 pm Monday through Friday. This would allow them to have access to the building during peak delivery times and revert back to unrestricted parking after the designated hours expire. To change the spot from unrestricted parking to Loading and Unloading the City Council must amend Schedule V "Loading and Unloading Zones", Chapter 77 Parking Schedules, Monticello Municipal Code. Terry Summers stated that in 2010 the signage here was addressed. At that time a sign was placed on the building, and this has not been an effective solution. Alderman Koon questioned what type of signage would be in place, and Mr. Summers answered a post/plate would be in concrete with signage.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to approve Ordinance 2022-31. The motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance 2022-32: An Ordinance Adopting the Freedom Park, Monticello, IL Master Plan

Terry Summers presented the following:

The Monticello City Council approved a Tax Increment Finance District #2 expenditure for the creation of a Veterans Memorial Master Plan for the City-owned property located at the southwest corner of North Market Street and Iron Horse Place. The master plan was to be developed with the possible inclusion of an original Iwo Jima statue and the existing active-duty signage. Earlier this year, City staff engaged with the Farnsworth Group to design a master plan for Freedom Park (formerly Veterans Park). Jeff Martin, with Farnsworth Group was in attendance to present the master plan to the City Council for discussion. Mr. Martin reviewed the plan and questions and discussion occurred during the review, with the following being the main points:

- This location is a good place for the park – visibility from the interstate, land conducive to park setting.
- Stakeholder input was great and some of the feedback received was incorporated into the plan (example: changing name from Veteran's Park to Freedom Park to include active-duty members).
- It is hoped that the Iwo Jima statue will eventually be relocated to this park, but is not a given. Logistics and probability of this was discussed. Communication is still in progress with the owner.
- This design, at 1.6 million, includes everything in the park as shown other than the statue, and the large flag.
- Risk Management has looked at this design and the land and has no safety concerns.
- The question was posed – are the other parks that the City currently has committed to improving, such as Burke Park, going to be pushed back on the timeline? Terry Summers offered that work on one park does not preclude work on any of the others, and pointed to the next ordinance on the agenda that is a grant resolution for Burke Memorial Park.

- It was reiterated that this plan is an important step in regard to future funding and grants, and that approving this ordinance is approving the plan – not money spent. Terry Summers stated that he is not asking for the money to be in the FY2023 budget.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Ordinance 2022-32. The motion passed 8-0.

Resolution 2022-33: OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization for Robert C. Burke Memorial Park

Terry Summers presented the following:

A Robert C. Burke Memorial Park Master Plan was developed by Farnsworth Group and approved by the Monticello City Council in September of 2021. In late August of this year, City staff became aware of an opportunity for a possible Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant. City staff has met with representatives from the Farnsworth Group inquiring about their professional assistance in applying for the grant. The grant is a 50% matching grant, up to \$600,000 and the project must be completed within two years from grant award from IDNR. The application deadline for this round of OSLAD grants closes at 5:00 pm on September 30, 2022. The approval of this resolution is required as part of the grant application portfolio. Terry Summers reviewed Exhibit A with Council, which depicts the portions of the overall Robert C. Burke Memorial Park Master Plan that the City would be submitting for this round of OSLAD grants.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to approve Resolution 2022-33. The motion passed 8-0.

Residential Refuse and Recycling Collection Program – Discussion Only

Terry Summers reported that the Waste Hauler Pre-proposal Meeting was held on September 6th. Two haulers participated, and both were adamant that they are interested in a 4 day/week pickup (as opposed to the 2 day that was in the RFP). The City would benefit by getting the best price for the residents. The haulers do not have the resources to operate under the proposed 2-day pick-up. This is being brought to the attention of the Council now due to the tight time frame we are under. Discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of the four-day pick-up week and the general state of waste hauling and recycling in 2022. The direction was given for Mr. Summers to issue an addendum to the RFP.

At this point in the meeting Public Participation was revisited. The City Clerk was notified that Mr. Shreffler had messaged remotely and stated he was having audio issues during Public Participation, and requested to speak later in the meeting. Mr. Shreffler was allowed to do so, but was unable to participate again due to continuing audio issues on his end.

ALDERMEN’S/ALDERWOMEN’S REPORT:

Alderwoman Sebens asked for an update on resurfacing State Street. Terry Summers reported that he is trying to get this into the FY 2023 budget.

Alderman Clark stated the crosswalk at Charter and Marion looks great and he appreciates that it was completed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey reviewed the report and shared that the drills are good practice and training for the firefighters. Chief recently gave a presentation program regarding Knox Boxes for businesses. Businesses are being encouraged to utilize these to ensure the Fire Department can quickly get into a building when business is closed. MFRD will be covering home football games at MHS this season due to Kirby Ambulance being overtaxed assisting our area in ambulance shortages.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Department Head Budget Meetings have begun, and in early October it is expected that the 2-alderperson committees will begin.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk