

CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 2022

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Keagle from Lodge led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by Jill Potts, City Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Present: MUSE (remote), CLARK, VOGT, BROCK, BURRIS, KOON
Absent: NONE

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated October 25, 2022 through November 14, 2022)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2022; City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes, November 7, 2022
Budget Report – September 2022
Permit Report – October 2022
Fire Report – October 2022
Treasurer’s Report – October 2022
Police Report – October 2022

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

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Stoner announced the resignations of Alderwoman Tammy Sebens and Chief John Carter, effective immediately, and thanked them for their service to the community. In business news, the grand opening of Grace & Mae will be this Friday. The Willow Tree Resale shop will be opening their downtown location on December 7th, and will be open Wednesdays through Saturdays. Upcoming events include Polar Express and Trailblazers Breakfast beginning this weekend. The Investor Coffee for the Sangamon Valley CEO class will be November 22nd, and please save the date for the Strategic Plan Workshop January 10, 2023 from 4-9pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA)

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to open the Public Hearing at 7:05pm. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes. No input was received in person or remotely. A motion was then made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to close the Public Hearing at 7:06pm. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2022-44: Resolution Authorizing the City of Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois to Issue its Revenue Bond (Foundation Therapy & Wellness Capital Project), Series 2022, for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Finance and Refinance the Costs of a Project for Foundation Therapy & Wellness Capital; and Authorizing and Approving Certain Documents and Other Actions in Connection with the Issuance of Said Bond.

Representatives were present from Kirby Hospital, First Mid, and Ancel Glink to address any questions from the Council. Terry Summers reminded the Council that they passed Resolution 2022-36 in September of this year that approved the City's intent to issue these revenue bonds. Alderman Clark verified that in order for this not to impact the City, this needs to be completed by the end of this year. The closing on the loan is anticipated to be December 15th and representatives see no reason this will not occur. Kirby legal representation stated that if we cannot close on December 15th, this will not happen. Alderman Clark also questioned if Kirby has plans to invest further into the community. Representatives shared that Kirby always supports community efforts and will continue to do so, pointing to county wide programs and working with the schools to provide nurses.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Resolution 2022-44. The motion passed 7-0.

Resolution 2022-45: A Truth in Taxation Law Resolution

Alderman Koon questioned when was the last time we have not done the 4.9 % increase, and Terry Summers replied he can't remember when we have not. Alderman Koon also gave a reminder that this does not increase taxes by 4.9 %.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve Resolution 2022-45. The motion passed 6-0.

Waste Hauler Discussion and Motion Only to Enter into a Contract for Refuse and Recycling Collection Program with either Green for Life Environmental (GFL) or Republic Services

Representatives from GFL (Eric Shangraw) and from Republic (Tony Moore, Dan Winters) were present to field questions from the Council. Terry Summers stated that following the discussion, if so directed by Council, he will present the contract with the chosen hauler at the November 28th Council Meeting. The following are the main points discussed:

- **Walk-up Service** (for those unable to physically get the tote to the curb)

GFL contract limits the number of walk-ups, and the cap is based on the number GFL currently serves on this basis. The City will absorb the cost of \$75.00 per resident over the set cap amount. Republic does not limit the number of walk-ups.

- **Customer Service**

GFL has customer service staff based in Clinton that will have direct contact with people in the field. City staff also will be able to come to GFL with issues. Republic would have an email dedicated to customer service in Monticello and will be in the community multiple days and can be contacted while here or via email to address issues.

- **Tote Size**

GFL is offering a 64-gallon tote, and will have all new totes. They will pick up any old totes, from any hauler, that the customers have. Republic is offering a 94-gallon tote, and cannot offer other sizes. Republic stated that because they will have to purchase new equipment to service Monticello, the one size fits all is more cost-efficient to Republic and therefore is a savings to the customer. It is also easier for their trucks to grab the arms of this size tote. When questioned regarding the size being too large to fit in a garage, it was explained that the footprint of the tote is the same as the smaller, but differs in height.

- **Recycling**

Types of recyclables taken by each hauler were discussed, as was the facility each uses. Republic utilizes Midwest Fiber, and GFL owns their own facility. Mr. Shangraw extended an invitation for anyone to come and view their facility.

- **Extra material pick-up**

The question was posed to both haulers what their policy is in regard to excess refuse that will not fit into container. Republic stated that if there is extra they will empty the container and then get out of the truck to pick up the excess. If this becomes a repeated issue with the same customer, they would communicate with the customer regarding the issue. GFL stated they will take an unlimited amount of excess as long as it is containerized.

- **Opt-Out**

GFL will allow opting out of receiving trash services only to businesses with a dumpster. Republic will allow any customer to opt out of service.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Burris to direct Terry Summers to enter into a contract with Republic Services. Alderman Koon then made a motion to defer the vote, stating he felt more time was needed to digest this information and allow further public input. Alderman Brock seconded the motion. Following a roll-call vote, the motion failed 2-4 (Koon, Brock). The Clerk then revisited the initial motion to direct Terry Summers to enter into a contract with Republic Services. The motion passed 4-2 (Koon, Brock).

ALDERMEN'S/ALDERWOMEN'S REPORT:

None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Acting Chief Lt. Terry Jones reported the drug takeback on 10/31 was successful, and between the two dates this year the amount taken was 208 pounds. He reminded everyone that receptacles are also at Kirby Hospital and the Piatt Co Sheriff's Department.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey reviewed his report and thanked Mayor Stoner for attending the MFRD Open House in October. They had great attendance at the event. Trick or Treat at the firehouse was also successful this year.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers thanked City Council and City staff for their participation in the productive budget study sessions.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk