

CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 2022

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

Roll Call was taken by Jill Potts, City Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Present: MUSE (Remote), CLARK, VOGT, BROCK, BURRIS, KOON, WOODHAM (after being sworn in)
Absent: REED
Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Lt. Terry Jones, MPD; Chief John Rupkey, MFRD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated November 29, 2022 through December 12, 2022)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, November 28, 2022
Permit Report – November 2022
Fire Report – November 2022
Police Report – November 2022

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Burris, 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:

Mayoral Appointment Ward 2 Vacancy

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve his appointment of Ryan Woodham as Ward 2 Alderman. Alderman Woodham will fill the vacancy left by Alderwoman Sebens. A motion was made by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to approve the motion and appoint Ryan Woodham as Ward 2 Alderman. The motion passed 6-0. Alderman Woodham was sworn in by the City Clerk, and then took his seat with the Council.

Appointment – Monticello Fire and Rescue Volunteer Fire Fighter – Casey Wooten

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve the appointment of Monticello Fire and Rescue Department Volunteer Firefighter Casey Wooten. The motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance 2022-51: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the City of Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on January 1, 2023 and Ending on December 31, 2023

Terry Summers presented the following:

In accordance with The Truth in Taxation Law, the City Council approved an estimated tax levy at the November 14th City Council Meeting. The proposed FY 2023 budget includes a 4.9% increase in the property tax revenues.

Special Service Area #3 (Sage Meadows) was established by Ordinance 2017-48 and Special Service Area #4 (Walden Pond) was established by Ordinance 2017-49. Special Service Area #3 and Special Service Area #4 tax levy will establish the maximum amount of \$0.50 (fifty cents) per \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) of equalized assessed value for each lot located in each subject territory respectively. Special Service Area #3 and Special Service Area #4 are in effect through fiscal year 2038.

Alderman Koon commented that he prefers a balanced budget, and because of the CPPRT surplus believes we could have one.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Brock, to approve Ordinance 2022-51. The motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance 2022-52: An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of a Tax for the Fiscal Year Commencing on January 1, 2023 ending on December 31, 2023 for Special Service Area Number Three of the City of Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Ordinance 2022-52. The motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance 2022-53: An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of a Tax for the Fiscal Year Commencing on January 1, 2023 ending on December 31, 2023 for Special Service Area Number Four of the City of Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderwoman Vogt, to approve Ordinance 2022-53. The motion passed 7-0.

Resolution 2022-54: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Monticello Approving the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

Terry Summers presented the following:

Budget discussions commenced at the committee level during the week of October 24, 2022 comprised of City Council members and key City personnel. A budget study session was conducted on November 7, 2022 followed by budget discussion at the City Council meeting held on November 28, 2022. During the regular City Council meeting on November 14, 2022, the City Council passed a truth in taxation law resolution with an estimated corporate and special purpose property tax increase of 4.9% over fiscal year 2022. Ordinance 2022-51 levies taxes for all corporate purposes for the city commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$839,358. The general fund budget report ending October 31, 2022 indicates a surplus of general fund revenue of nearly \$3 million in excess of what was conservatively budgeted and nearly \$3.5 million in surplus general fund revenues over expenditures through October of this year.

The proposed budget for FY2023 reflects a reinvestment of some of these surplus funds back into the City of Monticello general fund operations and capital improvements as follows:

- \$250,000 additional payment to the police pension fund
- \$68,000 for a police squad, police vehicle equipment, and camera systems
- \$50,000 for a fire and rescue squad and increased the number of volunteer firefighters
- \$50,000 for generators and generator upgrades to City Hall, Public Works Shop Building, and Maintenance Building
- \$45,000 for sidewalk improvements along State Street
- \$20,000 for storm sewer and drainage improvements in Stoddard Acres
- \$45,000 for pallet racking, end loader tires, winter weather equipment, and large truck upgrades
- \$60,000 for recreation truck and mower replacement
- \$715,000 for State Street pavement rehabilitation project
- \$240,000 for bike and hike trail acquisition from Green Apple Lane to N 625 E Road
- \$30,000 for Oberheim Park development (Marketing, Feasibility Study, and Boundary Survey)
- \$610,000 for improvements to Robert C Burke Memorial Park

A motion was made by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Ordinance 2022-54. The motion passed 6-0-1 (Alderman Woodham abstained).

Cancellation of December 27, 2022 City Council Meeting – Motion Only

This motion cancels the December 27, 2022 City Council meeting due to anticipated difficulties gathering a quorum during the holiday season. A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and

seconded by Alderman Burris, to cancel the 12/27/2022 City Council Meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

ALDERMEN'S/ALDERWOMEN'S REPORT:

Alderman Clark commented that he received the postcard regarding the new Refuse and Recycling Program and it was well-executed, and was bright/easily noticed and clear.

Alderman Burris also commented on the postcards and had heard from residents that it was confusing. A discussion was held regarding what the Municipal Building staff have experienced with phone calls and how the information has been disseminated.

Alderman Brock commended everyone involved with the Christmas events the weekend of 12/3 and 12/4 – there were many events being held at the same time and they ran smoothly.

Alderwoman Vogt thanked Kevin Barlow with the Journal Republican for helping get the word out about the move to the new Refuse and Recycling Program in 2023.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey thanked the Council for approving the appointment of Casey Wooten. He reviewed his monthly report and thanked Mayor Stoner and Terry Summers for their support of the Fire Department this past year. He asked everyone to have a safe and happy holiday.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers congratulated Alderman Woodham on his appointment, and extended an offer to him to come and meet City Staff. Mr. Summers thanked the front-desk staff's efforts regarding the Refuse and Recycling program, and thanked the Council for budget approval. Terry reminded the Council this budget is reinvesting money in things such as infrastructure, State St, and other projects, and stated he is excited about FY 2023.

CLOSED SESSION

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees

5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(22) Review of Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to enter into Closed Session Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees and Review of Closed Session Minutes at 7:23pm. Mayor Stoner stated that following Closed Session, action would be taken (Resolution 2022-55) in Open Session.

At 7:36pm a motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to come out of Closed Session.

Resolution 2022-55: 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 2022-55.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to approve Resolution 2022-55. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk

AMENDED