

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

March 13, 2023

City Clerk Jill Potts called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Steve Keagle with Lodge Church led the Council in prayer. Clerk Potts asked for a motion from the Council to nominate a council member to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem in Mayor Stoner's absence. A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Woodham, to appoint Alderman Brock as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion carried. Roll call was then taken by the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Present: WOODHAM, CLARK (remote), REED, BROCK, BURRIS, KOON
Absent: MUSE, VOGT

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Jim Grabarczyk, Director of Planning and Development, MPD; Callie McFarland, Director of Community Development; Chief Rob Bross, MPD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Doug Lecrone was present to address an ongoing water quality issue that he and two neighbors have been experiencing for a while. Mr. Lecrone shared his frustration that the water quality issues happen often enough they cannot keep anything clean. He made a point to say hats off to Scott Bailey – he has done everything he can to assist and determine the cause of this issue. Mr. Lecrone noted that in the past two years, rain always precedes the problem. He stated that for the last two weeks the water has been unbearable (darkly discolored/dirty), and he has gone through six filters in two weeks. One of the three neighbors is on his third water heater. Mr. Lecrone noted that they have also noted that the more water the three houses use, the better the water quality gets. He questions if there is a hole in the line that is going undetected? Mr. Lecrone also stated he has had good communication with Terry Summers regarding this problem, and offered any further evidence the Council may need. Mayor Pro-Tem Brock thanked him for coming tonight and stated we will do whatever we can to fix this issue.

Steve Shreffler was the next to speak, stating that he is pro-Monticello and pro-Scott Bailey. Mr. Shreffler discussed the water quality in Monticello and states it has always been good, but something has changed, and this (Mr. Lecrone's issue) is not an isolated one. As the administrator of the open forum Facebook page, Mr. Shreffler sees that this is a big discussion that has been ongoing. He is hoping that the City does get to the bottom of this problem.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated February 28, 2023 through March 13, 2023)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2023; City Council Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2022 (Amended)
Permit Report – February 2023
Police Report – February 2023
Fire Report – February 2023

A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Woodham, 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:

Public Hearing for the Amendment of a Business District in Monticello

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Pro-Tem Brock at 7:23pm. The purpose of this hearing is to allow public testimony regarding the proposed business district, and to provide the general public information regarding the Business District Plan for the Proposed Monticello Business District. Jared Kanallaken from Moran Economic Development, LLC was present and reviewed the amended Business District Plan, passed out maps indicating the amended areas, and asked for questions/comments from the Council and public. A South Charter Street resident questioned what the addition of the South Charter and North State Historic Districts mean, and Callie McFarland explained this is for the public side only, and will not affect personal property. The funds generated from the Business District may be used for infrastructure improvements in both of the historic districts, to include things such as sidewalk and road improvements, and historic lighting. Shelly Crawford-Stock, representing both Monticello Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce, stated that both are in favor of giving businesses an opportunity to receive grants. With no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:28pm.

Public Hearing - Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2023-11

Mayor Pro-Tem Brock opened the Public Hearing at 7:28pm. With no in-person or remote participation, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:29pm.

Ordinance 2023-11: An Ordinance for the Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Commencing on January 1, 2023 Ending on December 31, 2023 for the City of Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois

Terry Summers presented the following:

The appropriation ordinance serves as the City's legal spending authority and sets the maximum legal spending limit for the year. The appropriation ordinance is slightly inflated over the adopted FY 2023 Budget to allow for unforeseen revenues and/or expenditures.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to approve Ordinance 2023-11. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-12: An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat of Dancing Acres Phase 1A Subdivision, Piatt County, IL

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Applicant- Keith Lampert of Monticello and Shayla E. Pfaffe, PLS with Veenstra and Kimm, Inc. have submitted a Final Plat for Dancing Acres Phase 1A Subdivision and supporting documents to City staff for review. The subdivision is within the city limits of Monticello just off Old Route 47, north of the Monticello Township building and Opal Drive. This property has been annexed into the City of Monticello, Illinois via Ordinance 2022-39. This subdivision must have the City's review and Council approval by way of Ordinance based on the City of Monticello Municipal Code Section 152.002 (Jurisdiction). This Subdivision also meets the definition and requirements of Chapter 152 Section 152.044 Final Plat Submission and Review Procedure of the Municipal Code. Staff has reviewed the Final Plat and associated documents. We find the Plat substantially complies with City Ordinances and requires City Council approval by way of ordinance passage Section 152.044 (D).

Alderman Koon remarked that when the Council approved this plat the last time it had sidewalks. Mr. Grabarczyk stated yes sidewalks are required, but will come after the homes, as previously discussed. In addition, this final plat does not have infrastructure shown.

A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Burriss, to approve Ordinance 2023-12. The motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2023-13: A Resolution Authorizing the Illinois Municipal League to Collect the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance License Fee for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board of the City of Monticello Fire Department

Terry Summers presented the following:

This resolution authorizes the Illinois Municipal League (IML) to collect the 2% Foreign Fire Insurance License Fee for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board for the City of Monticello Fire and Rescue Department. The IML requested an updated resolution, as the last one passed was in 1938. An information sheet is attached.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Brock, to approve Ordinance 2023-13. The motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2023-14: A Resolution Authorizing Updating the Online Banking Services First State Bank

Terry Summers presented the following:

The current online banking services agreement needs to be updated to allow for larger payroll and utility bill limits. The Resolution authorizes Mayor Stoner to sign the updated agreement and any future update needed.

A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve Resolution 2023-14. The motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2023-15: A Resolution Amending the Professional Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. for Energy Consulting Services

Terry Summers presented the following:

In 2013, the City of Monticello entered into a professional services agreement with Good Energy to design and implement an opt-out aggregation program. Good Energy provides services for a bidding process for supplier rates for residential electric needs. This amendment revises the fees from \$0.00075 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.001 per kilowatt-hour.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Woodham, to approve Resolution 2023-15. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-16: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Purchase of Property

Terry Summers presented the following:

During the February 27, 2023 regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the Council was presented with an additional expenditure request within the FY2023 general fund budget to add the purchase of two additional new squad vehicles for the Monticello Police Department. The purchase of these two additional police pursuit vehicles is included within the annual appropriation ordinance to be discussed at the March 13, 2023 regularly scheduled City Council meeting prior to this ordinance. The City will be trading in a 2013 Chevrolet Impala and the 2019 Ford Expedition towards the purchase price for these vehicles.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve Ordinance 2023-16. The motion passed 6-0.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT:

Alderman Woodham thanked Public Works for the brush pick-up following the storm last week.

Alderman Reed and Alderman Brock echoed this appreciation, noting the number of trees and limbs that came down in this storm.

Alderman Koon shared that while the City has been diligent in addressing the afore-mentioned water quality issue, we are now at a point where we need to do whatever it takes to alleviate the problem. He stated he is dedicated to seeing this through.

Alderman Clark shared that he has known Lake Clifton for a long time and feels he is a great hire for the City (Public Works Department).

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reported that his department held a staff meeting last week and this had not happened in quite a while. Staff meetings will be held regularly. Chief Bross also informed the Council he met with Community Action, and has upcoming meetings planned with the Chamber of Commerce and school administration. The Kirby Derby will be held May 6th, and golf cart permits are now being renewed. MPD has teamed with a company that has provided a free drug take-back box that is located at the department.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Summers echoed the accolades Scott Bailey has received tonight regarding his work as Water Plant Manager. He informed the Council that he and Scott will be meeting with an engineer again tomorrow to continue to address this issue. In regard to spending money on this problem, he stated that we will definitely bring an ordinance to amend the budget to Council if/when a solution is determined. Mr. Summers reported that Lake Clifton has been hired for the meter reader position, and he feels Lake will be a good fit to the Public Works Department.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk