

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

April 10, 2023

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Steve Keagle with Lodge Church led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

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

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Jim Grabarczyk, Director of Planning and Development; Chief Rob Bross, MPD; Chief John Rupkey, MFRD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Steve Tenhouse spoke in person representing Kirby Hospital and its Board of Directors. Mr. Tenhouse stated that Ordinance 2023-19 is both appreciated and supported by Kirby. With the increased traffic in the area, they feel the speed limit reduction will improve safety.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated March 28, 2023 through April 10, 2023)

Fire Report – March 2023

Police Report – March 2023

Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2023

Budget Report – February 2023

Permit Report – March 2023

Alderman Koon asked how early we receive the Treasurer's Report, and commented on the date. Maura Metcalf responded that this is typical of the time frame the information is received. Alderman Vogt agreed this is common, informing Alderman Koon her place of business also just received their treasurer's report and it was the same date.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark, 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:

The Mayor discussed the following:

- Welcome to Absent State Productions and En Pointe Monticello, both new businesses in the process of opening in downtown Monticello.
- The Allerton 5K, 10K, and half marathon is next weekend at Allerton Park.
- The Piatt County Museum is holding a Celebration of Lincoln fundraiser event on Thursday, April 20th at Holly's Country Kitchen. Tickets can be purchased at First State Bank, First Mid Illinois, and State Bank of Bement.

- The Museum is also partnering with Allerton Library for a Doll Talk & Tell on Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00pm at the library.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2023-19: A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Chief John Rupkey presented the following:

MABAS-IL is the sanctioned organization for coordinating mutual aid responses within the state deriving its authorities from statute (5 ILCS 220/5) Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. MABAS is an organization that provides the structure for a comprehensive and reliable method of acquiring resources when a local jurisdiction's personnel, equipment and training are insufficient to effectively mitigate an incident.

The Monticello Fire and Rescue Department has been a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) since February 22, 2016, when Ordinance 2016-12 was adopted.

In 2019 MABAS-IL started a complete revision of the 1988 Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement to address changes in emergency response, certifications, and liability tort immunity protection, which are especially critical when resources are sent outside of the state of Illinois or received from surrounding states. Other important changes include a single agreement that is to be used by all state and allowing membership by Federal, State and local governments, as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The revisions also align the agreement with the National Incident Management System and Interstate Mutual Aid laws and provides for third party recovery under spiller pays, technical rescue recovery and patient billing. Finally, the agreement streamlines the process for individual states to participate in the MABAS system through a network of divisions within a state chapter.

A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Woodham, to approve Resolution 2023-19. The motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance 2023-20: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 76 "Schedule IV" Speed Limits Other Than 30 MPH in the City of Monticello, Piatt County, IL

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

City Staff was asked by Kirby Medical Center and the residents of Walden Pond to revisit the speed limits. City staff performed a speed study to "figure out" what is going on in this area. The

increased number of homes, the hospital entrance, Lodge Park corridor, and the future crosswalk warrant a lower speed limit.

Changing Chapter 76 "Schedule IV" of the Monticello Municipal Code "*Speed Limits Other Than 30 MPH*" must be done by way of ordinance with City Council approval. Mr. Grabarczyk commented that the Council has seen his presentation regarding this ordinance, and that this is making the document official.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to approve Ordinance 2023-20. The motion passed 7-0.

ALDERMEN'S/ALDERWOMEN'S REPORT:

Alderman Vogt wished Mayor Stoner a happy belated birthday.

Alderman Burris asked where the water situation was (referring to the issues in the County Farm Rd/Turtle Creek area). Mr. Summers reported that progress is being made. Scott Bailey has received water samples back that are enlightening and the next step will be meeting with the engineer regarding these results. In addition, when flushing hydrants begins April 16th, water mains will be isolated in a different fashion than they have before, with the hope being that further information may be discovered.

Alderman Clark discussed the issue that he brought up at a previous meeting regarding Marion Street and the speeding that occurs on the stretch between Market and Independence. He is not sure what the resolution should be, but is not asking for the speed limit to be reduced. Chief Bross added that MPD has sat in this area, and after further discussion stated they would continue to do so and added Piatt Street. Chief Bross also encouraged citizens to call dispatch when needed.

Alderman Woodham let the Council know that Sarah Jane German, who was before the Council recently as a member of the Sangamon Valley CEO Program, asked him to share that CURE ACC will be at Yoga off the Square on Wednesday, April 12, from 6:30-8pm. The event will focus on providing information about esophageal cancer – this is part of the Kurth Family Outreach Project, a family in Monticello that has been affected by ACC (Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma).

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reported that Fire and Police Commission has set up testing dates and is in the process of gaining a better understanding of how the Commission should be operating. Chief Bross will attend the Law Enforcement Career Fair at Western Illinois University on April 25th, hoping to garner some interest in working in Monticello. Alice Training was recently conducted at Ducky Day Care, and Chief Bross had good things to say about the facility. MPD is also looking into partnering with Piatt County Mental Health to address the increased amount of calls the department is receiving that involve mental health issues.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey reviewed the monthly fire report, and reported that the department recently had a tour of Kirby Hospital facilities to better ensure familiarity with the buildings. Four members of MFRD have received CPR training, and eight more will get the training through their EMR classes.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers and Mayor Stoner recently met with State Senator Sally Turner, and her assistant Renee Martin. They discussed things going on in Monticello and Mr. Summers received a viable contact for Norfolk and Southern. Staffing at the Municipal Building was discussed – Nicole Stewart has left the position of Utility Billing Clerk, and this position is now filled by Nancy Frazee. Mindy Condis recently received a well-deserved promotion. She has been the Assistant Recreation Director for many years, and is now the Aquatics and Program Director. Ms. Condis is a tremendous asset to the Recreation program.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk