

## **MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL**

April 24, 2023

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Paul Spangler with Monticello Presbyterian Church led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

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

Absent: WOODHAM

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

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Cory Conrad was in person for public participation. Mr. Conrad stated that his name was mentioned/discussed in the March 27, 2023 City Council Meeting and that he was not present. He challenged the Council to review Ordinance 2019-38, stating Monticello is unique in relation to that ordinance. He also challenged the Council to familiarize themselves with the Upsafety contract, which he received through a FOIA Request. Mr. Conrad commented that he and his family moved to Monticello for the sense of community it offered. He feels that with that sense of community, most things should be handled without the need for lawyers and FOIA Requests.

Steve Shreffler participated remotely, and inquired about the placement of Ordinance 2023-22 on the agenda following 'Closed Session' instead of being under 'New Business'. Mayor Stoner explained to Mr. Shreffler that this placement is because information pertaining to Ordinance 2023-22 will be discussed in Closed Session.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Claims Report (Claims dated April 11, 2023 through April 24, 2023)  
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2023

Alderman Koon asked if the City is the conduit for the ARPA funds. Terry Summers answered that yes, the funds come to the City and the City Council determines how the funds are spent. A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Clark, 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 reported on events and new businesses in town. He also presented a proclamation for the Boka Shoppe, which is celebrating 50 years of service to the Monticello community.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Resolution 2023-21: A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code**

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

The attached resolution in its presented form requests Motor Fuel Tax Funds (MFT) for our annual seal coat (oil and chip) program. The City Council approved using MFT funds of \$75,000 on line item 01-55173-02 for the 2023 Oil and Chip program. The Council has also budgeted non-MFT funds of \$10,000 on line item 01-51571-05 for Oil and Chip Supplemental Maintenance program.

Alderman Koon noted that the residents in the Eastgate area had issues with runoff from the oil and chip in the past. The precautions taken during oil and chip were discussed, especially in areas where there is no curb and gutter. Alderman Koon stated the area had drainage issues after oil and chip as well, and Mr. Grabarczyk explained that that issue was actually due to roots, and this was taken care of.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to approve Resolution 2023-21. The motion passed 7-0.

## **ALDERMAN REPORTS:**

Alderman Vogt thanked Ashley Muse and Ian Clark for stepping in and filling vacancies on the Council when needed.

Alderman Brock reminded that City Clean Up Days are scheduled May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Bross will be attending the WIU Career Fair tomorrow and will be looking for applicants. Chief informed the Council that officers have been sitting on Old Rt 47 as the speed limit changes are now in effect. Chief had a good meeting with Piatt County Mental Health and shared that Officers Forman and Griswold recently received commendations for how they handled a situation that was mental health related. Chief stated that he wanted to share this good news as too often only the negative is the focus.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

In regard to the speed limit change on Old Rt 47, Terry Summers added that two more signs will go up warning of the change – one turning north out of Medical Center Drive, and one turning south out of Walden Pond. Mr. Summers thanked Aldermen Clark and Muse for their service and said it has been a pleasure working with them.

**Closed Session – Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**

**Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees**

At 7:22pm, a motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to enter into Closed Session Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees. Mayor Stoner stated that following Closed Session, action would be taken in Open Session on Ordinance 2023-22.

At 8:06pm a motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to come out of Closed Session.

**Ordinance 2023-22: An Ordinance Amending 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:

This ordinance reflects all adjusted payroll and benefits and amends the Public Works: Services and Utility sections of Ordinance No. 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” approved by the City Council on March 13, 2023. Mr. Summers stated that in addition to this ordinance reflecting changes in compensation, it also contains the following amendments:

\$21,000 for grinding at the Landscape Waste Facility

\$20,000 for placement and operation of street lights on a piece of Old Rt 47

\$15,000 for city-wide (all departments) telephone upgrade

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Muse, to approve Ordinance 2023-22. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts  
City Clerk