

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

June 12, 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 the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Present: VOGT, LIVELY, DINIZ, WOODHAM, BURRIS, BROADRICK, BROCK, PEARCY

Absent: KOON, REED

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No in-person or remote participation

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated May 23, 2023 through June 12, 2023)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2023

Permit Report – May 2023

Fire Report – May 2023

Police Report – May 2023

Treasurer’s Report – April 30, 2023

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

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Monticello Farmer’s Market kicks off this Thursday, June 15th, from 3-6pm. Due to the construction project on State Street, the market will be on the east side of the square in downtown this year. Eli Tow, the Classic Horizon Aerotow Scale Soaring Event has been reborn and will now be hosted by the Monticello Model Masters at Eli Field this Thursday, June 15th through Sunday, June 18th. An Evening of Swing, featuring the Jim Markhum Swing Band will be this Saturday, 3-6pm on Main Street between State and Independence Streets, with vendors and Just Bee Acai on site.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2023-29: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 of Title IX of the Municipal Code of the City of Monticello Regarding Hens

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

At the May 22nd, 2023 regular City Council Meeting, the Council expressed a desire to amend Chapter 90 of its Code of Ordinances regarding the keeping of animals within the corporate limits of the city, specifically “Hens”. Staff reviewed several surrounding local government codes relating to the keeping of hens within their respective jurisdiction. We drafted the attached revision to our code of ordinances and had our attorney review the revisions and it is presented here for your consideration.

Up to six hens may be housed according to the prescribed regulations. No other domestic fowl will be allowed. Hens running at large will not be allowed and must remain in their coop during non-daylight hours. Hens will be allowed to exercise, with supervision, outside of their coop or run providing that the property has a six-foot-tall fence. The coop and run must be located in the rear yard and twenty-five feet from any neighboring dwelling. Coops will be considered accessory structures and thus must meet all of the provisions for accessory structures including permitting and inspection. Non-compliance with any of these regulations may result in permit revocation, future permit denial, or considered nuisance violations.

Alderman Diniz verified that chickens running free are supervised and behind a 6-foot fence, and the 25-foot distance from neighboring dwelling was also noted.

Steve Shreffler, who was attending the meeting remotely, called for a point of order, asking if a public hearing had been held as zoning is being changed? Mayor Stoner answered no, and Jim Grabarczyk clarified that we are not changing the zoning.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to approve Ordinance 2023-29. The motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance 2023-30: An Ordinance Amending Title XI, Chapter 111 of the Monticello City Code of Ordinances Concerning Class B and Class H Liquor Licenses

Terry Summers presented the following:

From time to time, City Staff reviews the liquor ordinance, and reduces the number of any class of licenses with open licenses, as recommended by the legal counsel. Currently there is one open Class B liquor license (consumption on site, not in package), and one Class H liquor license (consumption in an outdoor parklet/public sidewalk) that were not renewed. Because these licenses are considered “available”, the recommended procedure is to reduce the number of available licenses so none are available.

As in the past, any entity interested in operating a business that would require a liquor license would petition the Council for creation of an additional license in the appropriate class. This allows the

council the oversight to determine the issuance of a liquor license based upon the type of business and location.

Alderman Broadrick asked if this would affect the Reds of Christmas and Whites of Spring Walks, and it was explained these events and ones like them fall under a different type of licensure. General discussion was then had regarding the reasoning behind not leaving licenses open.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Percy, to approve Ordinance 2023-30. The motion passed 8-0.

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Alderman Vogt asked how the number of parking spaces used for parklets is determined. She had heard a concern regarding the lack of parking spaces in front of 3R Coffee. Terry Summers answered that the rule of thumb is that spaces are determined by the width of the building occupying that spot.

Alderman Woodham shared that being a softball coach this year, he has spent a lot of time in other areas, mentioning Decatur, Maroa, etc. He stated that our Recreation Department does a fantastic job but is in need of facilities. He knows the City is trying (Oberheim Park), but he wants the community to know that our youth need better.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reported that interviews were conducted last week for the two open positions and he will be meeting with the Fire & Police Commission soon. Use of Force training for officers will be completed in October and November. Chief Bross discussed the 'Chief for the Day' program and its merits, and said Luke Kohler was this year's winner and did a great job.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey discussed his monthly report, emphasizing the importance of the monthly trainings held and the community events that they participated in for the month of May.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers commended Chief Rupkey on the amount of community involvement that MFRD does, saying he appreciates that. He informed the Council that State Street work continues, and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next week. It is hoped that the contractor will be able to begin by the last week of June.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

At 7:20pm a motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Brock, to enter into Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(22) Review of Closed Session Minutes. Mayor Stoner stated that following Closed Session, action would be taken on Resolution 2023-31 in Open Session.

At 7:37pm, a motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to come out of Closed Session.

Resolution 2023-31: Release of Closed Session Minutes

The Council reviewed the Closed Session Minutes and determined the following minutes should be released:

September 8, 2008

This will be added to Resolution 2023-31.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Percy, to approve Resolution 2023-31. The motion passed 8-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk