

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

July 10, 2023

The City Clerk called the meeting to order and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Alderman Burris led the Council in prayer. Clerk Potts asked for a motion from the Council to nominate an alderman to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem in Mayor Stoner's absence. A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to appoint Alderman Brock as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion carried. Roll call was then taken by the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Present: VOGT, LIVELY, DINIZ, WOODHAM, REED, BURRIS, KOON, BROADRICK, BROCK

Absent: PEARCY

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, HR/Finance; Callie McFarland, Director of Community Development; Chief Rob Bross, MPD; Chief John Rupkey, MFRD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated June 27, 2023 through July 10, 2023)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2023
Permit Report – June 2023
Fire Report – June 2023
Treasurer's Report – May 31, 2023

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

Ordinance 2023-37: Final Plat of Dancing Acres Phase 1B Minor Subdivision, Piatt County, IL

Terry Summers presented the following:

Applicants Keith Lampert of Monticello and Shayla E. Pfaffe, PLS with Veenstra and Kimm, Inc. have submitted a Final Plat for Dancing Acres Phase 1B Subdivision and supporting documents to City staff for review. The subdivision is within the city limits of Monticello just North of Old Route 47, at County Road E1700 North Road. 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). There are no public improvements from this minor subdivision. This Subdivision also meets the definition and requirements of Section 152.044 Final Plat Submission and Review Procedure of the Municipal Code. Staff has reviewed the Final Plat and associated documents, and find the Plat substantially complies with City Ordinances and requires City Council approval by way of ordinance passage Section 152.044 (D).

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve Ordinance 2023-37. The motion passed 9-0.

Ordinance 2023-38: Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code

Terry Summers presented the following:

As a continuation of our street resurfacing program that began several years ago which included the resurfacing of Allerton Road, East and West Marion Street, West Washington Street, Piatt Street, North Buchanan Street, Independence Street, Center Street, Bridge Street, and this year includes North State Street, the attached resolution will allow for resurfacing improvements to be made along Grant Street from State Street east to the Monticello Railroad Museum tracks east of Greely Street. The city has spent approximately 5.5 million dollars on road improvements since 2015. Monticello has received nearly \$366,000 of "Rebuild Illinois Funds" from the State of Illinois to be used in the same manner and meeting the same criteria as motor fuel tax funds. A resolution appropriating these funds is required with Council approval prior to October of this year and all funds must be spent prior to July of 2025. Staff is proposing to utilize these Rebuild Illinois funds in conjunction with other funding mechanisms to improve this section of Grant Street. Alderman Broadrick asked if we do not use these funds do we lose them (yes).

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Ordinance 2023-38. The motion passed 9-0.

Ordinance 2023-39: An Ordinance Amending Title XI, Chapter 111 of the Monticello City Code of Ordinances Concerning Class A Liquor Licenses

Callie McFarland presented the following:

B & G Spirits, LLC has signed a letter of intent for the purchase of the property at 777 W. Bridge Street, the property formerly occupied by Decatur Memorial Hospital. The applicant would like to open a retail establishment consisting of packaged liquor sales and offer video gaming machines. Because alcohol consumption would be on site as well as off-site, a Class A liquor license is required. Currently there are 5 Class A liquor licenses, held by the East End Tavern, Monticello Bowl, Circle K 1402 and Circle K 1431, and Three Ravens Inc. The LLC is requesting the Council

consider increasing the number from 5 to 6 licenses, so the business can move forward with the purchase and operation. The location in question does meet the required setbacks for an establishment selling alcohol.

Representatives from B&G Spirits and their realtors were present for questions. Alderman Koon asked Ms. McFarland to give the Council an idea of how tough it has been to rent this space, and Ms. McFarland stated there have been challenges. Alderman Broadrick asked the B&G representatives to explain their design philosophy, and specifically questioned if it will look like a gas station, stating he is concerned that this is a property that will immediately be seen when coming into town due to its location. The outside of the building will not change much, and a new sign will be added. Inside the package liquor and the gaming machines will be in the same space. Alderman Burris questioned where B&G have other locations (3 in Decatur), and Alderman Vogt did a google search of the properties and stated they look well-kept.

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt to approve Ordinance 2023-39. The motion did not receive a second and failed.

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Alderman Diniz discussed the extensive tree damage from last week's storm, and mentioned the large tree on Washington Street that came down during that storm. He asked if the City inspected older trees on a regular basis. Terry Summers informed him we do budget for this and have a running list of trees that have been identified as a concern that is managed by Public Works. That list will be provided to Alderman Diniz.

Alderman Vogt appreciated the storm clean-up and appreciates staff being available for questions and clarification, stating Callie McFarland was helpful to her when she had questions regarding an ordinance on the agenda.

Alderman Broadrick remarked that if the B&G representatives would have had a solid business plan to present, it might have been a different story. Callie McFarland stated that beyond the letter of intent, it is sometimes difficult to get into too many details. She requested that in the future feedback is given in front of representatives.

Alderman Koon stated it is time for the Council to revisit support for Oberheim Park, and discussed the City and funding. Alderman Burris questioned if Alderman Koon felt the City should give more beyond the 10-12 million already given when we have received no money from anyone else? Further discussion was had regarding the length of time this park has been in the works, funding/lack of, the possibility of altering the plan, and how to move forward. Terry Summers explained to the Council that the fund raising campaign is currently in the "silent phase", which is common in this type of campaign. He reassured everyone that work continues behind the scenes, and added that he is always available to discuss this project and where we stand. Alderman Woodham stated he recently met with Terry Summers and Mindy Condis to do just this, and that he was glad that he did. Mr. Summers was appreciative of Ms. Condis's loyalty to this project, and stated that it is his goal to bring something back to the Council soon. Alderman Brock encouraged the other council members to meet with Terry and Mindy regarding this project.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reports that July 3rd went well, with the exception of a bicyclist that hit a car on Old Rt 47. The cyclist was ok, but the road was closed down approximately 20 minutes sooner than it would have been following the Freedom Fest. MPD has two conditional hires that hopefully will be attending the Academy in September, and ALICE training has occurred at the library. Chief Bross is appreciative of the Recreation Department, and said our seasonal workers are fantastic. He also is thankful for Callie McFarland's recent assistance with the No Knock List. He reminded all to call immediately if a solicitor comes without a permit.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey reported the department has fielded 255 calls as of last month, and this puts us on pace for 510 calls for the year. Training hours have increased accordingly, and the firefighters recently completed hydrant training. MFRD also participated in the air show at Eli Field and provided medical support for the rodeo.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers discussed notification of hydrant training with Chief Rupkey and asked him to notify MCUS in addition to the Water Department and Callie McFarland in the future. Kudos were given to Public Works and the office staff for the storm clean-up. Mr. Summers also gave a reminder to please use an alternate route if possible and avoid State Street during the construction.

A motion was made by Alderman Burris and seconded by Alderman Diniz to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk