

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

August 14, 2023

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Steve Keagle led the Council in prayer. Roll call was then taken by the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: NONE

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Steve Shreffler participated remotely regarding Ordinance 2023-48. He commented on the zoning issue with gambling and liquor sales, and questioned if the distance between the church and the facility has been addressed (yes setbacks have been addressed). Mr. Shreffler was informed by Mayor Stoner and Callie McFarland this is not a zoning issue and did not go before the Planning & Zoning Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated July 25, 2023 through August 14, 2023)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, July 24, 2023; Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2023
Budget Report – June 2023
Fire Report – July 2023
Police Report – July 2023
Permit Report – July 2023

Alderman Koon asked if money has been distributed yet to Monticello Main Street (No - MMS has requested money to come in portions). A motion was made by Alderman Broadrick, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion passed 10-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Monticello Summer Singers will hold their finale concert this Sunday at 3pm at the Monticello United Methodist Church. Registration for the Monticello Bootcamp Small Business Development program is open. This program is free to participants – existing businesses or new – and open to anyone who wants to expand their business knowledge. More information or registration can be found at monticellobootcamp.com. Mayor Stoner gave a reminder to check the job board on the City's website for area employment opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2023-48: 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. Two representatives from B&G were present, as well as a representative from Brinkoetter Realtors.

The main topics of discussion regarding this ordinance included revenue, gaming, building vacancy, and whether community support has been gauged. No questions were asked of the representatives present.

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve Ordinance 2023-48. The motion failed 4-6 (Yes - Vogt, Koon, Broadrick, Percy; No - Lively, Diniz, Woodham, Reed, Burris, Brock).

Audit Presentation- Steve Grohne

Mr. Grohne was unable to attend the meeting and this presentation will be rescheduled at a later date.

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Alderman Vogt reported on the collaboration of schools in the county reunification effort. Monticello Christian Church will be used as the location, and tomorrow a walk-through will occur. Alderman Vogt is proud of the efforts Piatt County is making to keep our students safe.

Alderman Brock thanked Public Works for State Street work, stating it looks great and both our employees and Dunn Company should be commended.

Alderman Koon agreed with Alderman Brock, adding that long hours were worked to get the State Street job completed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reported that the reunification drills have been some of the best he has been involved with. He discussed recent Alice Trainings and an upcoming presentation that he and Deputy Bross

will be completing at Monticello Middle School. Topics that will be covered include safety and cell phone/social media use.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey reviewed his report, highlighting his appreciation of the rescue training the department received from the lifeguard staff at MFAC.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Terry Summers gave a reminder to watch the busier streets in town when school starts this week. Pavement marking will occur on State Street after it has cured – curing can take up to 14 days. Water tower work at Nick's Park is scheduled to begin September 5th. Discussion was then had regarding the need for improvement of specific streets in town.

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk