

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

August 28, 2023

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: NONE

Also Present: Maura Metcalf, Finance/HR; Jim Grabarczyk, Planning & Development; Chief Rob Bross, MPD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated August 15, 2023 through August 28, 2023)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, August 14, 2023; Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2023; Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2023
Budget Report – July 2023
Treasurer’s Report – June 30, 2023

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion passed 10-0.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Stoner gave reminders to Council regarding making decisions. He stated that recommendations from City staff or the Planning & Zoning Board should be honored, as these individuals/groups have put time and energy in prior to (the vote), reviewing and approving plans submitted by developers. He informed the Council they were elected to represent the interests of the residents of their ward and the entire City of Monticello, not just their personal beliefs or the beliefs of a small number of constituents. Historically those who oppose will be vocal about any opposition. Mayor Stoner added that we do not want Monticello to become known as being unfriendly to businesses – it is their risk to take and not for the Council to determine whether the business is viable. We need to fill empty buildings.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2023-49: Resolution for a Conditional Use Permit for Additional Accessory Structure at 9 Jefferson Crossing Ct, City of Monticello, Piatt County, IL

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Ms. Valerie Mitchell, (Property Owner) is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for a ground mounted solar array. A Conditional Use permit must meet the terms of the Monticello Zoning Regulations Section 153.020 (C) (2) on a parcel *zoned RS – Suburban Residential*.

A Public Hearing was held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Monticello Planning & Zoning Board on Monday August 21st, 2023 at 7:00pm. One anonymous letter from a neighboring resident was read aloud at the meeting and the HOA's Architectural Committee representative, Shannon Carroll, was present and spoke during the public hearing. The board heard the public testimony and recommended approving the conditional use permit. Mr. Grabarczyk explained that Ms. Mitchell already has a pool, thus the ground array is a second accessory structure.

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to approve Resolution 2023-49. The motion passed 10-0.

Audit Presentation- Steve Grohne

Steve Grohne joined the meeting remotely and thanked the Mayor and Council for having May, Cocagne, and King for their auditors. The following are points of the audit highlighted by Mr. Grohne:

- Total net position is up 5 million from 2022
- CPPRT funds up in 2022 and this is why revenue streams are up
- Expenditures in 2023 only up \$50,000
- IMRF is up 94%, which is super strong
- This year only debt payments were made – no new debt incurred
- Committed net assets are up, and these are numbers to look at when considering new projects

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Alderman Woodham gave thanks to the City for honoring one of our own with their assistance with his funeral procession last week. Mayor Stoner added that he received a letter from an individual (from out of town) that attended the service and he praised the City and its residents for everything done for the family and friends.

Alderman Diniz said he had noticed the high kennel fees on the claims report, and that Chief Bross had explained to him why they are so high.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reported the hiring process has started and two applications have been received. Officer John Hart started today, and starts the academy in Macon County next week. He addressed the upcoming Safety Act and said they are working with the State's Attorney to understand the differences. Chief Bross and the resource officer met with students last Friday and discussed behavioral expectations. They will be in the school more this year and received good feedback after the meeting. Chief gave a big thanks to all the area first responders that helped with events last week from Wednesday to Saturday. He thanked Public Works, Jim Grabarczyk and Clay Dobson for their help.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

None

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk