

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

September 25, 2023

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order 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: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, Finance/HR; Chief Rob Bross, MPD; Chief John Rupkey, MFRD; Mark Heinle, Ancel Glink

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated September 12, 2023 through September 25, 2023)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2023
Fire Report – August 2023
Treasurer’s Report – July 31, 2023

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

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Council is invited to attend the following upcoming events this weekend:

- Simply JJ’s (200 W Washington) grand opening Thursday, September 28th
- Willow Tree’s grand opening for the newly remodeled space on Wednesday, October 4th
- Monticello Homecoming events include parade at 12:00, Celebration Fun Zone, Fieldhouse’s Homecoming Streetfest, Monticello Main Street’s Homecoming Celebration with live music
- Food and live music at the East End Saturday night
- Octoberfest shopping event on Sunday

Also happening this weekend is the Jordan Austin Memorial Horse Show, Summer’s End Concert at Allerton Park, and weekend train rides at the Monticello Railway Museum. Sage Nutrition will be opening this fall at 202 W Washington.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayoral Appointment: Monticello Fire and Rescue Department – Doug Winder, Firefighter

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve the appointment of Doug Winder to the Monticello Fire and Rescue Department. The motion passed 10-0.

Ordinance 2023-52: An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Special Service Area Number Five (Dancing Acres Subdivision) in the City of Monticello and Providing for other Procedures in Connection Therewith

Terry Summers presented the following:

Dancing Acres, LLC (Owners) have applied for establishing a Special Service Area to reimburse them for the proposed improvements associated with a residential development consisting of approximately 32 acres. These improvements include roadways, sidewalks, sewers, water mains, grading, and associated costs. The construction costs associated with these improvements is estimated to be nearly \$3.5 million. A Special Service Area is one option afforded to a non-home rule community to incentivize a developer to build. The developer also witnesses increased tax revenues over the life of the special service area (twenty years) the quicker the houses are constructed. The City of Monticello creates the Special Service Area and the county collects and distributes the taxes accordingly. No public bonding is being requested. The proposing Ordinance and public hearing notice is attached for your review as well. Similar Special Service Areas have been approved to assist with the improvements associated with Walden Pond and Sage Meadows.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Diniz, to approve Ordinance 2023-52. The motion passed 10-0.

Ordinance 2023-53: An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Monticello, Illinois

Terry Summers presented the following:

This Ordinance adopts Supplement 25, which formally incorporates the changes made from previously adopted ordinances approved from July, 2022 through June, 2023, and identified in Exhibit A of the Ordinance, into the municipal code.

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to approve Ordinance 2023-53. The motion passed 10-0.

Ordinance 2023-54: An Ordinance Approving the Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Monticello and T & R Ventures, LLC, Concerning the Property Located at 315 W. Washington Street, Monticello, Illinois

Terry Summers presented the following:

On January 3, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance 2023-05, a Redevelopment Agreement with T & R Ventures, awarding a Building Improvement Grant to the property owner in the amount of 50% of the total project cost of \$25,736.00, not to exceed \$10,000. The project consists of constructing a back porch and rear entrance, installing new windows, and a new HVAC system. Once completed, the property will be used as a short-term rental on the second floor, and commercial space on the first floor.

City Council extended the redevelopment agreement in June (Ordinance 2023-35). The owner is still waiting for construction of the rear entrance, and will not make the initial extended deadline of September 30th, 2023 deadline, the applicant is asking for an extension of the project completion date to November 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Alderman Reed, and seconded by Alderman Woodham, to approve Ordinance 2023-54. The motion passed 10-0.

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Alderman Koon appreciated that he was able to attend the 2023 Illinois Municipal League Conference last week. He stated it was nice to feel a part of the pulse of what is going on in city government and he feels that comparatively Monticello is doing very well.

Alderman Diniz also appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference and felt it was an enlightening experience. He discussed the sessions based on interest and the keynote speaker Donna Brazil. Alderman Diniz hopes that we as a council can work together despite differences.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reported the mock crash at MHS occurred today and thanked all of the agencies involved in making this event happen. He feels this made an impact on students and believes this will occur about every four years at the high school to catch new groups of students.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Rupkey discussed recent training given to the department by Troy Duncan/Carle regarding response to sports injuries. Chief Rupkey invited all to attend the 130th anniversary of Monticello Fire & Rescue Department that will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Summers commended the Public Works Department for their continued work on State Street, stating the concrete work they do is second to none. He also said that the sand blasting/painting work on the water tower (Nick's Park) will begin soon.

At 7:22pm a motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to enter into Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation: Pending or Imminent. Mayor Stoner stated that following Closed Session, no further action would be taken and the meeting would be adjourned.

At 8:07pm, a motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Percy, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk