

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

October 23, 2023

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Josh Bledsoe with Calvary Baptist Church led the Council in prayer. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: REED

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, Finance/HR; Chief Rob Bross, MPD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

Conduct of Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the City Council to Sell Not to Exceed \$750,000 General Obligation Bonds to Finance Various Capital Improvements in and for the City

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:03pm. Terry Summers reminded the Council that as was discussed in the budget committee meetings, this is the financing, along with the Rebuild Illinois funds already earmarked for this project, for the reconstruction of Grant Street and Buchanan Street. Kendall King, with Kings Financial Consulting, was present for any questions during the Public Hearing. There were no questions from the Council, and no in-person or remote public participation.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Vogt, to close the Public Hearing at 7:04pm. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Claims Report (Claims dated October 11, 2023 through October 23, 2023)
Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes, October 10, 2023

A motion was made by Alderman Burris, and seconded by Alderman Percy, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion passed 9-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Stoner congratulated Jena Garrett on winning the 2023 Monticello Boot Camp Grant. Jena's business, Sage Nutrition, will open Tuesday, October 24th at 202 W Washington. He encouraged everyone to stop in and welcome her to the community.

The first Bigfoot Hunt of the season is tomorrow night at Allerton Park. The Monticello Chamber is hosting a Safe Trick or Treat event Friday, October 27th, and The Witch House continues on weekends through the first weekend in November at the Monticello Theater. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Monticello Theater Association.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2023-56: An Ordinance Requesting the Transfer of Certain Real Property from The Board of Education of Monticello Community Unit School District 25 Pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act

Terry Summers presented the following:

The City of Monticello has been working on this project for years - planning for a new access from IL Route 105 (Market Street) to the Thew Arnott property located west of (behind) the currently owned school district property occupied by the Illinois Bus Service. The only existing access to the Thew Arnott property requires utilizing Monroe Street to an ingress/egress easement at the trailer park and Willow Tree Missions. This residential neighborhood is not conducive to the semi traffic necessary for the operations of Thew Arnott and possibly other businesses occupying some of their 15.5 acres of property. City staff and representatives from the school district have negotiated a purchase price of \$18,270 for a strip of ground along the south side of the property in order to install the necessary infrastructure (pavement, curb and gutter, storm sewers, water main and approaches) to provide access to all five of the adjacent properties to the new road. This TIF-eligible expenditure was approved in this year's TIF II budget.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, and seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve Ordinance 2023-56. The motion passed 9-0.

Resolution 2023-57: A Resolution to Designate City Holidays and City Council Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2024

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve Resolution 2023-57. The motion passed 9-0.

ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Alderman Koon stated the Public Works Department has done an outstanding job on North State Street, and that their work is top-notch.

Alderman Burris appreciated the Recreation Department, stating he was at a soccer game last weekend and Carlos McClellan and Mindy Condis had the chaos under control.

Alderman Diniz thanked Alderman Broadrick for making him aware they had received an email from a resident in their ward.

Alderman Vogt appreciated the time spent with the budget committees.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Bross reports that Officer Hart is in his 8th week at the Academy. The Fire and Police Commission met last week – written and physical testing will occur on November 4th. Six applications were received, and five will be tested.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

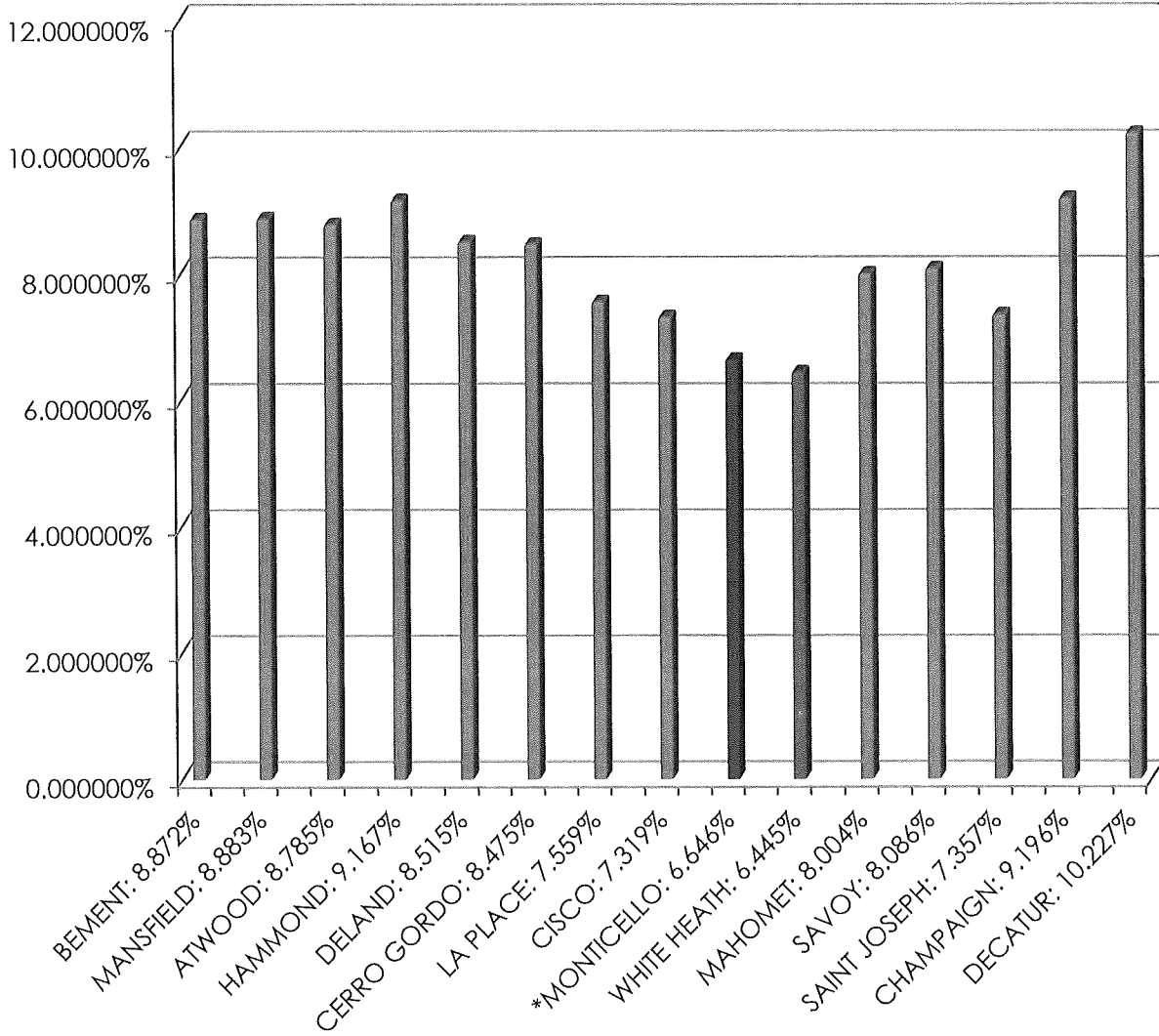
A Budget Study Session is scheduled for November 6th at 6:00pm. Mr. Summers provided Property Tax Information and Comparisons to the Council in anticipation of the study session (attached). He encouraged all to reach out with any questions prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Vogt, and seconded by Alderman Woodham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm.

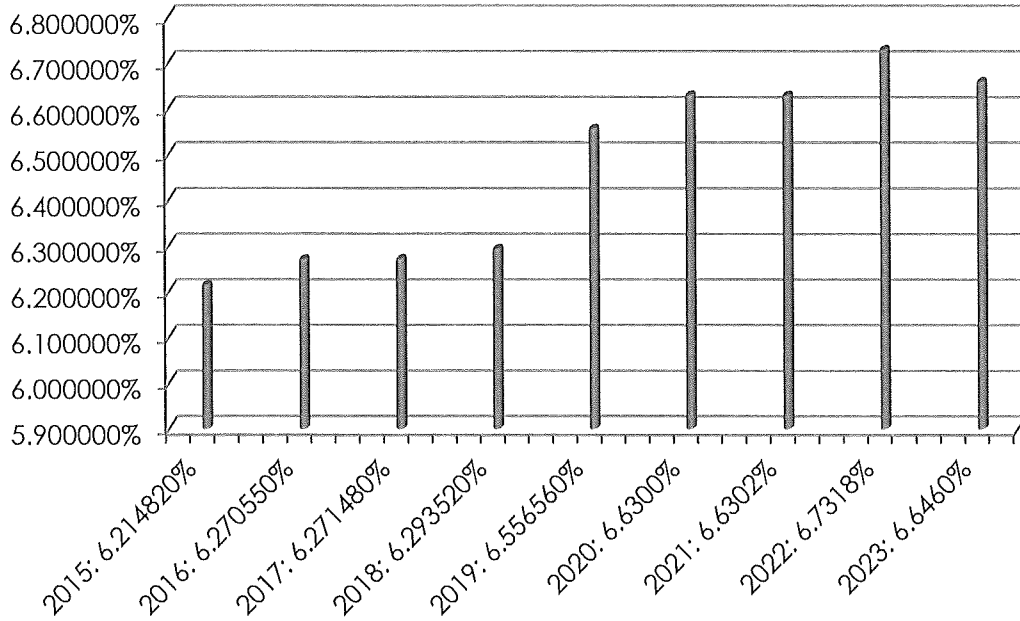
Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts
City Clerk

**PROPERTY TAX RATE PAYABLE 2023
COMPARISON BY COMMUNITY
*Monticello in Monticello Township
Monticello in Sangamon Township is 7.004590%**



**PROPERTY TAX RATE PAYABLE 2015 THROUGH PAYABLE 2023
MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS (Monticello Twp)**



**Property Tax Percentage by Taxing Body
Payable 2023**

