

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

December 08, 2025

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

Roll Call:

Present: REED, WOODHAM, CARY, LIVELY, YOON, BURRIS, BROADRICK, KOON

Absent: None

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

Public Participation:

Tammy Boyd is the business owner of Main on Charter and was addressing the parking dumpster issues her business is currently facing. She wanted to know if the city had a date that the subway parking lot would be finished? Terry Summers stated we currently do not have a date and further explained the weather is causing the delay because it is not conducive to striping or filling the enclosure. Tammy went on to address the dumpsters out in front and to the side of her business, along with not being informed that they were going to be placed there. It was stated that the dumpster out front of business was her landlords and we do believe that Callie had notified business owners via email about the parking lot dumpsters. She went on to state her business is handicap accessible, however it is difficult for this because of the dumpsters and trucks unloading. After further discussion, she went on to address the issue of people parking longer than two hours up on the square, along with limited areas to park.

Consent Agenda:

Claims Report (Claims dated November 25, 2025 through December 8, 2025)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes November 24, 2025

Permit Report – November 2025

Police Report – November 2025

Fire Report – November 2025

A motion was made by Alderman Broadrick, seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion passed 8-0.

Mayor's Report:

The 3rd Candles & Carols event is from 5pm – 8pm in downtown Monticello on Thursday, December 18th. Shops will be open late-til-8 for almost last-minute Christmas shopping, there will be free carriage rides, a selfie station in Rotary Park, and (hopefully) carolers wandering around downtown. Thank you to State Bank of Bement for sponsoring this event. The Sangamon Valley CEO class business, the Gingerbread Jog, is Saturday, December 20th at Allerton Park. Follow their Facebook page for more information and race details. Holiday Glow is going on during the weekends at Allerton Park and Retreat Center. Remember to shop local this holiday

season (and any time) – your community businesses support you – please return the favor and support them!

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Cancellation of the December 22, 2025 City Council Meeting – Motion Only

This motion will cancel the December 22, 2025 City Council Meeting due to anticipated difficulty gathering a quorum during the holiday season.

A motion was made by Alderman Broadrick, seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion passed 8-0.

Resolution 2025-81: A Resolution Approving the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Terry Summers presented the following:

The proposed FY2026 budget was presented to City Council for discussion at the study session meeting held on November 3, 2025. The following items(s) were added to the budget after the November 3 study session. As directed by the majority of the City Council, we have shown a \$0 revenue under the Municipal Grocery Retailers’ and Service Occupation Tax. Added left turn signals at Center and Market Street intersection under General Fund Capital Improvements – Utility Infrastructure in the amount of \$25,000. This will add left turn signals for south bound Market and both east and west bound Center Street. We are waiting for possible reimbursement confirmation from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Increased Alternate 4A Access (Non-MFT) from \$60,000 to \$75,000 for additional survey work, right-of-wat plat preparation and associated attorney fees. Based upon recent invoices received and processed since November 3, we have reduced the projected expenditure remaining for Phase 1 construction and engineering of Oberheim Park in 2026 from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Added \$50,000 to the Robert C. Burke Memorial Park project in case there are any unforeseen roll-over expenditures that were not accounted for in 2025. Added \$5,500 to water revenues and expenditures for commercial refuse collection in the municipal parking lot “D” (Subway Parking Lot). This is a simple pass through of revenues collected by the city through the water billing program and in turn paid directly to the waste hauling company. Added \$65,000 in TIF District 2 expenditures for the infrastructure improvements in the municipal parking lot “D” (Subway Parking Lot). The inclement weather recently witnessed will not allow for some work to be completed in 2025. It is recommended that the City Council review the updated FY2026 City budget and approve Resolution 2025-81 as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve Resolution 2025-81. The motion passed 8-0.

Aldermen Reports

Alderwoman Lively stated it was lovely with the parade and everyone coming over for Polar Express it just makes our small little town seem so alive.

Alderman Reed stated thanks to everybody here who helped volunteer or participate in the parade and lunch with Santa.

Alderman Broadrick stated it was fun helping out with the parade it was a wonderful time and everybody seemed happy.

Alderman Koon stated I appreciate everybody on this board. I think if we agreed on everything, it would not reflect the diversity of this town. I feel we've had great discussions over the last year with everybody remaining amical and friends.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Bross stated Wednesday we have a Christmas party with the life skills kids at the high school. He went on to discuss parking enforcement up on the square and explained how they go up every 2 to 2.5 hours to scan cars.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Rupkey reviewed his monthly report and made note of the 44 calls the department received in November. Last month we did mutual aid training with Mid-Piatt Fire by practicing going in and out of a home filled with smoke. We also did vehicle maintenance this month. We were in the Veteran's Parade, attended the Piatt County Firefighters Association meeting, we did touch a truck at Tractor Supply, and we voted on two new members this month. I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Monticello Fire Department.

City Administrator's Report

Terry Summers stated that he reached out to Bement Public Works Director due to them having a huge water main break and offered the City's help, however they did not need it due to having a contractor coming. The City also had a water main break on Saturday at Lone Beach and Poplar area. The waste hauler discussion tonight, I will tell you that the city has engaged with a different waste hauler and the current waste hauler serving municipal ID was notified of the termination Friday. We have signed an agreement today with a new waste hauler.

There was then further discussion about trash from the dumpsters along with dumpster placement in the alley way being picked up between city staff and business owners.

City Council Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Reed, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Robin Throneburg
City Clerk