

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

January 26, 2026

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: REED, LIVELY

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, Finance/HR; Jim Grabarczyk, Planning & Development Director; Chief Rob Bross, MPD

Public Participation:

No public or remote participation.

Consent Agenda - Approval of Documents and Action Items as Listed:

Claims Report (Claims dated January 13, 2026 through January 26, 2026)

Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026; Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

Treasurer Reports – October 2025, November 2025

A motion was made by Alderman Broadrick, seconded by Alderman Burris, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion passed 6-0.

Mayor's Report:

The Land Conservation Foundation's annual Mudpuppy Festival is this Sunday February 1st from 1pm – 4pm at the Monarch Events Center. Activities include kids' crafts and games, fishing for prizes and a scavenger hunt. Food and drink will be available for purchase for purchase. Also, in downtown this Sunday, the Monticello Downtown Collective is hosting Treat Yourself Sunday from 1pm – 4pm. Participating business will be open especially for you on this day and each one has something special planned. Be sure to sign up for the giveaway that each location is sponsoring – 10 total. You'll also find some special promos, yummy snacks, and fun finds to treat yourself (or your loved ones) just in time for the month of love. The January Connect meeting "Marketing for People who hate numbers" has been rescheduled to Monday, February 2nd, 8:30am at the Municipal Building. Using AI and mobile device data, businesses and organizations can understand visitation patterns, competitor performance and demographic trends.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance 2026-12: An Ordinance Granting a Variance Reducing a Rear-Yard Setback at 811 Tyler Ct., Monticello, Illinois

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Applicant- Haley and William Willoughby (Owners) is seeking a Variance to allow a reduced 6-foot rear yard setback to their property, zoned Urban Residential (RD) zone per § 153.019 (C) (1).” Granting the Variance will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare of the normal and orderly development, improvement of surrounding properties. Public Notice was posted in the Piatt County Journal Republican, adjacent property owners were notified, and the public hearing was conducted at the January 20th, 2026 PZB meeting. Supporting documents include: the PZB Motion, the public notice published in the December 24th, 2025 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican, Vicinity Map, site layout. It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve the Variance allowing a reduced 6-foot rear yard setback for 811 Tyler Ct, City of Monticello, Piatt County, IL. The owners are online along with Nathan Lilly being present to answer any questions.

Alderman Koon asked what they are using the setback for? It was stated that the property is a corner lot and they are wanting to extend a single car garage into a two-car garage. In order to do that one part of the garage will need the setback.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve Ordinance 2026-12. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2026-13: An Ordinance Granting a Variance Reducing a Front-Yard Setback at 703 E. Grant St., Monticello, Illinois

Jim Grabarczyk presented the following:

Applicant- Kaitlin Fisher (Owner) is seeking a Variance to allow a 6-foot fence into the front yard setback to their property zoned RD - Urban Residential. Applicant requests the Variance following the City of Monticello Zoning Regulations Section 153.019 (B) (1). Granting the Variance will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare of the normal and orderly development, improvement of surrounding properties. Public Notice was posted in the Piatt County Journal Republican, adjacent property owners were notified, and the public hearing was conducted at the January 20th, 2026 PZB meeting. Supporting documents include: the PZB Motion, the public notice published in the December 24th, 2025 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican, Vicinity Map. It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve this Variance as submitted for 703 E. Grant Street, City of Monticello, Piatt County, IL. The owner of the property was present for questions and it was also explained that due to her property being a corner lot she has two front yards.

A motion was made by Alderman Koon, seconded by Alderwoman Yoon, to approve Ordinance 2026-13. The motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2026-14: A Resolution of the City of Monticello in Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration

Mayor Stoner presented the following:

A resolution whereas the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in the nation’s history; and whereas on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies’ freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and whereas the U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commission, known as the America250 Commission (america250.org) was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, aiming to engage all Americans in commemorating this historic event through educational initiatives; and whereas the Illinois America250

Commission (IL250.org) was established to develop, encourage and execute an inclusive commemoration and observance of the founding of the United States of America, and Illinois' imperative role in the nation's history; and whereas the Illinois America250 Commission encourages communities, libraries, schools, local governments, historical societies, cultural institutions and individuals of all ages to develop inclusive commemorations that reflect on Illinois' role in the nation's history and development; and whereas recognizing and supporting the Illinois America250 Commission will help ensure a meaningful and educational commemoration for all residents and future generations; and WHEREAS, the commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on the state's historical significance, honor the achievements of its people and inspire civic engagement; and whereas the City of Monticello hereby formally supports the Illinois America250 Commission and its mission to commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Monticello expresses its support for the Illinois America250 Commission, and encourages all Illinois communities to organize and participate in local events leading up to and culminating on July 4, 2026, to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

A motion was made by Alderman Broadrick, seconded by Alderman Woodham, to approve Resolution 2026-14. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2026-15: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Monticello to Borrow Funds and to Execute and Issue a Promissory Note of the City and Associated Documents

Terry Summers presented the following:

The purchasing of 20 new air packs was presented during FY2026 budget discussions last year and are included within the general fund budget for FY2026. First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, and First State Bank submitted loan proposals with First State Bank offering the lowest interest rate. The 4-year low interest loan will require annual payments of approximately \$47,166.00. It is recommended that the City Council review and adopt Ordinance 2026-15 approving the Mayor and City Clerk authority to sign the First State Bank promissory note as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, seconded by Alderwoman Yoon, to approve Ordinance 2026-15. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2026-16: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Purchase of Property

Terry Summers presented the following:

This ordinance provides for trading in our John Deere manure spreader towards a Kubota Diesel Zero Turn Mower with a 72" deck from Jennings Implement Company. This fleet replacement was discussed and approved within the fiscal year 2026 budget. It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve Ordinance 2026-16 as presented.

Alderman Broadrick asked so, they want to add to their vehicles? It was stated yes. Then there was further discussion about it being the City's property and not contracted out.

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, seconded by Alderman Broadrick, to approve Ordinance 2026-16. The motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2026-17: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Purchase of Property

Terry Summers presented the following:

This ordinance provides for trading in our old Rotary Post Lift towards a new Rotary Post Lift from Dust & Sons Auto Supplies. This fleet replacement was not discussed nor approved within the fiscal year 2026 budget. If approved, we will include this additional expenditure in the appropriation ordinance. Safety concerns have recently been brought to my attention with our existing lift and we feel that it is paramount to replace it sooner rather than later. The purchase price of the new lift includes removal of the old lift and installation of the new lift. We will also implement an annual inspection and necessary maintenance of this new lift. It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve Ordinance 2026-17 as presented.

Alderman Koon asked if all right to approve this prior to approving the money to purchase it? It was explained that they are within their right to approve an expenditure. There was further discussion about the safety concerns and age of the current lift.

A motion was made by Alderman Broadrick, seconded by Alderwoman Yoon, to approve Ordinance 2026-17. The motion passed 6-0.

Aldermen Reports

Alderman Koon stated I appreciate last week with Terry and Callie and they got a very good education on the TIF what it is and the history of it. I mean it was really very educational and it was prompted by somebody in my ward that had some questions about it, from where they live out at Sage Meadows, that part of their tax bill goes to the TIF. Alderman Broadrick stated he went down all the brick sidewalks and cleaned off the snow. Alderman Burris stated how great the downtown looks with all the snow clean up. Alderwoman Yoon stated Monticello High School band and chorus will be attending the Allstate Festival of performance in Peoria this weekend. So, congratulations to all the music students and happy birthday to Terry.

Police Chief's Report

None

City Administrator's Report

Terry Summers stated he appreciated Mike's comments and Callie does a wonderful job with the TIF. The guys do a great job with the snow removal especially up around the square and I will pass along the comments to everyone. Thank you for the birthday wishes.

City Council Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderman Woodham, and seconded by Alderman Burris, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Robin Throneburg
City Clerk