

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 12, 2008.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of May 12, 2008 held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mitze
Clerk Fruendt

Alderman:

Vanderkloot
McHale
Hayes
Corrie
Kuetemeyer
Allman
Brown
King

Student Advisor:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Attorney Tracy
Alderman Hiller

Mayor Mitze led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes seconded by Alderman Allman to approve the City Council minutes of April 14, 2008, Claims Report of May 12, 2008, the Monthly Permits for April 2008, and the Police Report for April 2008. Motion Carried

The Mayor introduced Steve Tenhouse from John and Mary E. Kirby Hospital. Mr. Tenhouse wanted to thank the city, police and fire departments for helping with the Kirby Derby on May 3, 2008. He stated this year there was 350 participants and in the future they hope there will be more.

A motion was made by Alderman Allman, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve Resolution 2008-17, A Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract. Motion Carried. Superintendent Allsop explained the city started this project last year. The city will get rid of the old concrete, will buy all materials and get it ready for W. E. Excavating to do the concrete work. We hope to get started on it next week.

A motion was made by Alderman McHale, seconded by Alderman Vanderkloot to approve Resolution 2008-18, Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion Carried. This project will take place in July.

A motion was made by Alderman Vanderkloot, seconded by Alderman McHale to approve Resolution 2008-19, A Supplemental Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Alderman McHale, seconded by Alderman Corrie to approve Resolution 2008-20, A Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract. Motion Carried. If everyone recalls the city rehabilitated the alley behind the East End Tavern. The old brick and concrete were tore out and a tile was put in for better drainage. In the winter time the alley did not drain properly so there was ice making it dangerous to walk in that area. The project went really well. This has been discussed in the study session to do this to two more alleys. The city will do all the work except installing the concrete. We will start working on the first alley in two or three weeks. Once that one is done, then we will start the lyric theatre alley. Illinois Main Street will be visiting tomorrow and we will have them look at the Brown Bag alley and see if they can give us some ideas on what we need to do.

A motion was made by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Corre to approve Resolution 2008-21, A Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuetemeyer, seconded by Alderman McHale to approve the Mayor's Appointments of the Planning Commission, Gerald Day, Judy Chase, Mike Doerr, Sue Gortner, Kristen Jones, Gail Jones, and Marthann Riegel, Zoning Board of Appeals, Richard Wavering and Kerry Rhoades, Fire and Police Commission, Dean Curry, Historic Preservation, Judy Huisinga, Judy Greene, Barb Webber, and Lynn Corrie, Police Chief, John Miller, Fire Chief, Rick Dubson, and Deputy Liquor Commissioners, Scott Burnsmier and Max Heacock. Motion Carried.

Student Advisor King announced the boys track team won the conference and will go to sectionals on Saturday and the girl's track team came in third at the conference with some of the girls going to state. The boy's baseball team rapped up their season and the softball teams record this year was 23 and 7. The soccer team went to the regional. Tomorrow is the last day for seniors who do not have to take finals. The seniors who have to take finals, they will take those Wednesday through Friday. Stage Show was two weeks ago and was a huge success. Graduation is May 18th at 2:00 P.M. at the middle school. The last day of school for all students are May 29th I think.

Alderman Corrie announced a ribbon cutting ceremony would take place on May 21st at 1:30 P.M. at the new business, Spirit of Monticello. The bakery is closing but a new business is going in named Oinkers. This will be run by Brad Noe and Kim Dobson. May Market was horrible due to the weather not many people attended and some of the vendors left early. Main Street wanted to thank the city for their help in getting this ready.

Alderman Hayes stated the city hosted a shred party on April 25th. On June 21st there will be a Piatt County Electronics eWaste Collection Day. It will be held at the Landscape Waste Facility. This is sponsored by the City of Monticello, DeWitt-Piatt County Bi-county Health Department, Piatt County Soil and Water Conservation District, Lincoln Heritage RC&D, Heartland of Illinois RC&D, Monticello Rotary and green neighbors like you. When the city sponsored the food pickup, they picked up four pickup

loads. The post office sponsored a food pickup last Saturday. Don't forget on August 12th is Monticello Day at the State Fair. The aquatic center will be open in two weeks. Clean up week is this week. Swimming lesson sign up is May 29th at 9:00 A.M. There are three sessions. The golf driving range and landfill are open. Mr. Harshbarger will be giving golf lessons for children six to sixteen years of age. The lessons will take place daily from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. There is a White Sox Baseball camp. The summer singers will start practice on June 4th at 6:00 P.M.

Superintendent of City Services Floyd Allsop discussed the Nuisance Ordinance. The city attorney recommends changing one word in the ordinance. This will be brought back to the council at the next meeting. Regarding the Community Center, in the past two weeks a 6' broken tile was found, installed sanitary drain lines, started installing water lines and leveled the existing exterior walls. The next step will be to finish backfilling the trenches, rough in the heating then pour the new concrete floor. Volunteers have been calling to help. The names have been put on a list and will be called at a later date to help. IDOT recently approved restriping the intersection of Market Street and Marion Street. They hope to have this done before harvest time. The city received word that the language changes on the Transportation Improvement Project was approved last week by the senate and representatives with it now being sent to the president's desk. If anyone going for a walk happens to see a sidewalk that is raised 1" or greater, give the city a call. It is mowing season again and if anyone sees a yard beyond 12" call Chief Miller to let him know. As you recall, the city applied for a grant to cover most of the costs for a wireless hotspot for our downtown. Unfortunately, we did not receive the grant. North State Street will be closed to through traffic beginning Monday May 19th and tentatively closed through Friday May 23rd. Conflicts were discovered when the sanitary sewer was extended north. This problem will be remedied by the original contractor at no expense to the city.

In the public participation, Steve Shreffler questioned Mayor Mitze appointing the Zoning Board to only three years. In the past, it has been five years. Mayor Mitze said he would check into it. Judy Gulliford asked about the Nuisance Ordinance and what the city plans to do about it. The Mayor said the primary purpose is to voluntarily do something and would hope people would take responsibility.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman McHale to adjourn at 7:54 P.M.



**RENEE M. FRUENDT, City Clerk for
the City of Monticello, Illinois**