

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF July 9, 2012 #5ILCS

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of July 9, 2012 held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 7:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor: Corrie
Alderman: Mitze
Murdock
Kuetemeyer
Hayes
Brown
Cummings
Clerk: Harlan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eades
Hiller

A motion was made by Tim Hayes and seconded by Lyle Murdock to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) concerning the employment of candidates for the position of Police Chief. The purpose of this meeting is to interview candidates for the office of Police Chief. There was no official action taken and no other business was discussed at this special meeting.

Mayor Corrie updated the Council on the background of the candidate and what information had been attained up to this point. Mayor Corrie let the Council know that six candidates had been interviewed. Mayor Corrie and Alderman Mitze had taken a trip to Macomb where the candidate had worked before retiring in 2009 as their Police Chief. The received raving reviews from City Supt., Supt. of Schools, Sheriff, and University Police. They also spoke to three Aldermen, two of which are seated now. The Macomb Alderman reported that the part time Mayor of Macomb and the Police Dept had various problems. The Macomb Alderman assured Monticello's Mayor that the issue was not on the part of the candidate. Alderman Cummings asked if the candidate knew that internal candidates had been interview and if the candidate had been offered the job. Mayor Corrie answered both of these questions with yes.

The Police Chief candidate, Michael Gallaway was then presented to the City Council. Mr. Gallaway has 29 years of law enforcement experience. Mr. Gallaway has been retired since 2009.

The City Council found out several things about Mr. Gallaway from questions that were asked of him. Mr. Gallaway commented that what he had seen of Monticello he likes. He was a Boy Scout; he enjoys being outside and camping. He was not active in Civic organizations in Macomb, but is not opposed to it. He was also active in his church. He stated that the area will be slower paced and he won't be dealing with the University Police. Being in a college town was very difficult, where you always had separation

between town and University. He also told the Council that he would like to work for at least ten more years. Mr. Gallaway spoke of some of his goals and let the Council know he would be a working Chief. He knows there will be a learning curve and personnel issues always follow a new leader.

A motion was made by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn the Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Harlan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pamela Harlan
City Clerk