

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING OF JULY 14, 2008

The minutes of the Executive Session of the Monticello City Council held as part of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council meeting of July 14, 2008, held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 9:15 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mitze  
Clerk Fruendt

Alderman: Brown  
Hayes  
McHale  
Corrie  
Kuetemeyer  
Hiller

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Attorney Tracy  
Alderman Vanderkloot  
Alderman Allman

Mayor Mitze and Superintendent Floyd Allsop met with Mrs. Renée Lo last week that owns farm ground south of William Street and west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks. After the meeting, a letter was sent to Mrs. Renée Lo stating what was discussed in the meeting regarding the city acquiring fifteen (15) acres of farm ground south of William Street and west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks. The city explained in the letter the reason why they would like to acquire the land so a storm water detention structure could be constructed to catch the water coming into the community from her land. Mrs. Lo sent back a fax putting a response in the upper left hand corner of the letter sent from Superintendent Allsop. It stated she wanted \$25,000 per acre. The Mayor asked what is the going rate per acre? It was suggested if it was good farm ground probably \$7,000 to \$8,000. Mayor Mitze suggested possibly the city would be agreeable to 30% to 40% above the going rate per acre. Alderman Kuetemeyer wanted to know how eminent domain works. The council agreed if they accepted her rate of \$25,000 per acre they would have to pay everyone that amount. A council member wanted to know if any amount had been talked about with Scott Weigel or Steve Koss for per acreage. Allsop said no. The city has been talking with Mr. Weigel and Mr. Koss. Some of the suggestions from them since the city would need three areas to deal with is one area the city purchase some farm ground to the north of them and then they would do an exchange with the city. Another area they suggested an easement. The final consensus regarding Mrs. Lo was no the city would not pay her \$25,000 an acre.

Regarding the Economic Development position: Do we need a part time person or full time? Alderman Corrie was concerned about what the Economic Advisory Committee would say if we put someone in the position full time since we asked for there thoughts. Alderman Kuetemeyer would be in favor of having Callie McFarland as a Community Director. It was also suggested to call her Community Relations. There would need to be a new job description for that position, also need to talk about salary. It was suggested to raise the salary \$5,000 till next May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was decided Superintendent Allsop bring something back to the next meeting to look at.

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A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Corrie to come out of Executive Session at 9:55 P.M. Motion Carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Renee M. Fruendt", written in black ink.

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

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