

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2008

The minutes of the Executive Session of the Monticello City Council held as part of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council meeting of August 11, 2008, held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 8:45 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mitze  
Clerk Freundt

Alderman: Brown  
Hayes  
Allman  
Corrie  
Kuetemeyer  
Hiller  
Vanderkloot

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Attorney Tracy  
Alderman McHale

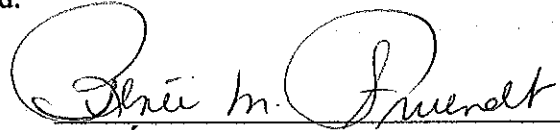
The city has three parcels of land to discuss tonight for possible acquisition. Those properties are farm ground owned by Dr. Renée Lo, property owned by Carl Miglin, and the Monroe/Irving property owned by Bruce and Nancy Abraham. Superintendent Allsop stated the owners of Monroe/Irving did not collect insurance from the flood. The house flooded in February with sewer water and they had a sewer shut off valve but it did not work; so they installed a new one at a price of \$800.00. When they flooded in June the new shut off valve did not work again. They have moved out of the property and now are living in Ridgepointe. Their asking price is \$45,000. The Mayor talked with neighbors of the area. He also stated if the house is worthless and unlivable then what is it worth? The Mayor said isn't that one of the city workers mothers. Alderman Hayes suggested to buy as cheap as can. Alderman Brown said the city needs to send a message to other landowners the city will not pay top dollar for the land. The Mayor took a poll from the Alderman on whether the city should pursue buying the house and at what cost. It was decided for Superintendent Allsop to offer them \$20,000 and make the area a green space for that area of town. Recreation Director Los McClellan and Mindy Condis could do a park design for the area.

Dr. Lo called to see if the city had an offer. Superintendent Allsop said the city was waiting for her counter offer. She said she wants one from us. It was suggested Allsop start low because she will come back with at least \$12,000.00 to benefit her.

The other property is owned by Carl Miglin. This property is located behind the former Tureski's building. W. E. Excavating has started a business of recycling concrete. Allsop called Carl Miglin to find out what is going on. Bill Pontious raised cane. Bill said he was buying it from Carl Miglin. The city is not pleased about it and an agreement would be needed. Superintendent Allsop asked Bill Pontious how long would it take them to clean up the land. Pontious responded by saying four to five years. Carl Miglin came in the next day and Bill Pontious does not have enough money to buy the land. At first Carl Miglin wanted \$100,000 for

the land then when Allsop talked to him he went down to \$75,000. In the meantime Superintendent Allsop talked with Steve Koss and Scott Wiegel about detention and etc. It went quite well but they are upset about Pontious and don't want to talk until the city makes him clean up that area. It was suggested to get an assessed value of the Carl Miglin property. What can be done to get this wrapped up by the end of the year?

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Brown to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 P.M. Motion Carried.



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