

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

August 24, 2015

City Clerk Harlan called the meeting to order and ask for a motion to appoint an interim mayor in Mayor Corrie's absence. A motion was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Brock to appoint Alderman Stoner interim mayor. All in favor 7, one absence.

Alderman Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Wendall Brock, Tom Reed, Larry Stoner, Joe Brown,
John Miller, Cochran Keating, Seth Melton
Absent: Lyle Murdock
Also Present: Supt. Allsop

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ron Smith, an operating manager for Illinois American Water Co, stated his firm would be interested in purchasing the plant from the city. Mr. Smith informed the council that the sewer system would be updated and brought up to compliance without incurring debt. Illinois Water representative told council it would mean significant cash flow to the city.

Maureen Holtz was concerned about a \$20,000 expense labeled "retainer" from a former city engineering firm. She was glad the auditor was present tonight.

Dick Jesse wanted to compliment the city on the street project around Lincoln School.

Steve Shreffler wanted to let council know he thought the increase in rates to water and sewer would be a huge hit to the citizens and hope the council would discuss the issue more before the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report – Claims dated August 11, 2015 through August 24, 2015
- b) Budget Report (July 31, 2015)
- c) Treasurer's Report (July 2015)

A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Reed to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all present voting yes.

MAYORS REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Alderman Keating ask about meeting minutes not being sent to him. Alderman Stoner told Alderman Keating that the Clerk had some cyberspace issues and he had already talked to her before the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2015-36 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Consent Decree Approval

This resolution authorizes Mayor Corrie to execute for and on behalf of the City of Monticello in a lawsuit filed by the People of the State of Illinois vs. Clinton Landfill. A motion was made by

Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Melton to approve Resolution 2015-36. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2015-37 – An Ordinance granting a variance to Kent and Donna McClure 620 W. Main This ordinance will allow an increase in maximum floor area for a detached accessory structure from 1000 sf to 1650 sf, and an increase in the maximum allowable height of a detached accessory structure from 17' to 17'7" at 620 W Main. A motion was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Reed to approve Ordinance 2015-37. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

City Council Motions (3) to reconsider recent Planning and Zoning Board Action A motion was made by Alderman Keating and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve 2015-29, 2015-30, 2015-31. The council was asked to reconsider these three motions due to a possible violation of the Open Meetings Act by the PZB. A voice vote was taken and the motions carried with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2015-38 Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement (WWTP) This resolution amends the original engineering agreement for the WWTP project. This amendment includes bidding, negotiating, construction observation and post-construction engineering services for a not to exceed amount of \$715,000. A motion was made Alderman Keating and seconded by Alderman Reed to table resolution 2015-38. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with a 6 yes, 1 no vote from Alderman Stoner. After the resolution was tabled Alderman Keating wanted to discuss the resolution. The city attorney informed Keating he could not discuss a tabled resolution. A motion was made by Alderman Keating and seconded by Alderman Brock to un-table resolution 2015-38. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 6 yes and 1 no vote from Alderman Brown. Discussion included council wanting to hear a proposal from American Water at the next meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Miller to table resolution 2015-38. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 6 yes, and one no vote from Alderman Stoner.

Ordinance 2015-39 Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Regarding Wastewater System User Fees This ordinance amends the municipal code to adjust waste water fees \$1 per unit each year for the next ten years and adjusts the billing fees to \$3.50 per customer per month. A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve Ordinance 2015-39. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2015-40 A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Civic Plus for Civic Ready Subscription This resolution approves a subscription agreement with Civic Plus to provide notification services to businesses and residents. If approved, Civic Plus will replace the current Blackboard notification system. Callie McFarland updated the council on this new agreement. A motion was made by Alderman Reed and Alderman Miller to approve Resolution 2015-40. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Annual Audit Report Presentation:

Steve Grohne from May, Cocagne & King presented an overview of this year's 20 month audit.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT:

Alderman Miller would like to see the Recreation Park on the Ballot. Alderman Keating would like some info on the \$3,000,000 the city is to receive to update the bridge. Alderman Brown stated Lincoln School area looks good and would like to know about water storage tank and info on how to resolve some of the attorney fees.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: NONE

A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan