

Monticello City Council

May 22, 2017

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a pastoral prayer given by Rich Ratts from Crossroads Church.

ROLL CALL: Present: Wendall Brock, Jeremy Jones, John Miller, Cochran Keating, Lyle Murdock, Tom Reed, Seth Melton
Absent: Joe Brown
Also present: City Administrator Terry Summers

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Consent Agenda - Approval of Documents and Action Items as Listed:

- a) Claims Report (claims dated May 9, 2017 through May 22, 2017)
- b) Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2017 – City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes May 8, 2017 - Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2017 – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 2017
- c) Fire Report – April 2017
- d) Police Report – April 2017
- e) Budget Report – April 2017

A motion was made by Alderman Murdock and seconded by Alderman Reed to approve the consent agenda items. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all present voting yes.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Stoner indicated the Monticello Family Aquatic Center is opening May 26. June 3 is Eli Field's open house, and will be playing the Secret Life of Pets movie starting at sunset. June 10 is the first day of Courthouse Rocks with live music, food and fun. The movie is Moana and starts at sunset. The Bruce Hannon Levee Trail grand opening was Saturday May 20 and was very well attended. It will be a great addition to Monticello.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 2017-27 – A Resolution approving a conditional use permit for a major home occupation (daycare/preschool) at 703 Adams Street. Callie McFarland indicated Tanna Wright will be the owner of 703 Adams Street, and has an interest in opening "The Wright Start," a home preschool and daycare. The property is primarily used as a single family residence; therefore this would constitute a home occupation. Because of individuals regularly coming to the property (parents dropping off/ picking up), this classifies the home occupation as a "major home occupation," which would require a conditional use permit. Mrs. Wright stated in her application that the operation would not be hazardous, disturbing or injurious to the neighborhood, nor would create traffic or parking conflicts. She plans to offer full and half day care for children ages 3 to 5 years old, beginning August, 2017, and will be licensed by the state of Illinois. A public notice was published in the April 26, 2017 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican, and adjacent property owners were notified by certified mail, as required by state statute. The Planning & Zoning Board held a public hearing on May 15th, 2017. An adjacent property owner expressed concerns about pick-up and drop off times, as well as lighting. The Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of the conditional use permit to allow a major home occupation (daycare/preschool) at 703 Adams Street to Tanna Wright (7-0-1). A motion was made by Alderman Keating to waive the second reading of Resolution 2017-27 and seconded by Alderman Miller. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes. A motion was made by Alderman

Brock to approve Resolution 2017-27 and seconded by Alderman Jones. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2017-28 - A Ordinance approving a variance request – 703 Adams Street. Callie McFarland indicated Tanna Wright will be the owner of 703 Adams Street, and has an interest in opening “The Wright Start,” a home preschool and daycare. If the Conditional Use permit is granted to allow the major home occupation at this property, Mrs. Wright would like the ability to exceed the maximum number of children under full time care (8) allowed by the zoning ordinance (§153.031 (C(7))), and is requesting a variance to this regulation. Mrs. Wright stated in her application that the operation would not be hazardous, disturbing or injurious to the neighborhood, nor would create traffic or parking conflicts. She plans to offer full and half day care for children ages 3 to 5 years old, beginning August, 2017, and will be licensed by the state of Illinois. She does not anticipate having more than 8 children in her care, but would like the flexibility if a situation occurs where needed.

A public notice was published in the April 26, 2017 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican, and adjacent property owners were notified by certified mail, as required by state statute. The Planning & Zoning Board held a public hearing on May 15th, 2017. The Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of the variance request, with the number of children in full time care not to exceed the current DCFS standard of 12. (6-0-1). A motion was made by Alderman Reed to waive the second reading of Resolution 2017-28 and seconded by Alderman Miller. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes. A motion was made by Alderman Miller to approve Resolution 2017-27 and seconded by Alderman Brock. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Aldermen’s Reports – Alderman Keating indicated Haresh Patel contacted him regarding changing the parking times next to Subway to 2 hour limits. City Administrator Terry Summers said there are several spots that need to be looked at downtown, and will work out an updated ordinance. Alderman Keating would also like to discuss changing State & Charter streets to one way, and only allowing parking on the right side. He also indicated he attended a municipal law seminar and learned some valuable information. Alderman Reed indicated he had a resident contact him regarding the mosquitos and indicated she would like the city to spray for them. Jim Grabarczyk indicated he had reached out to Public Health last year regarding the problem, and with us being on the Sangamon River, and the lifespan of the mosquito, there really isn’t much we can do. He is treating the standing water on city property, but can’t do anything on private properties. We would have to spray every three days to make a difference. It was also mentioned that although some would welcome the spraying, others would not. Alderman Miller also received a complaint about the mosquitos. He encouraged residents to attend the Monticello Theater Association Plays; he said they put on very good production. Alderman Murdock indicated they had put the mosquito pellets in the water by the Dog Park last year and they worked very well. Alderman Brock encouraged residents to clean out the storm drains near their home if they notice debris in them. Alderman Jones attended the Bruce Hannon Levee Trail grand opening and looks forward to hiking it.

Police Chief’s Report – Last week was Police week had a great time visiting with the officers at a cookout. Monticello Christian Academy brought them treats and hand prints for the office.

City Administrator’s Report – Terry thanked the City Council for the opportunity provided to him as the next City Administrator upon approval of the impending contract. He looks forward to the challenges of the position and serving this great community in a larger capacity than in his previous fourteen years. We have re-advertised for the currently vacant Building and Zoning Administrator position and have extended the deadline date to May 26th 2017. We are hopeful to fill the position in

June. This was first reported and discussed at the February 27th 2017 City Council meeting. We are also accepting applications for part time seasonal public works department positions. We anticipate providing the City Council with the required approving Ordinance for your consideration at the June 12th 2017 City Council meeting. No public hearing is required for a Final Plat. The rezoning was approved at the March 27th City Council meeting and the Conditional Use for the Planned Unit Development and Zero Lot Line was approved at the April 10th 2017 City Council meeting. Plans have been received and are currently under review for the public improvements involved with the extension of Medical Center Drive serving Sage Meadows Subdivision. Special Service Area Number Three (Sage Meadows) and Number Four (Walden Pond Estates) - The proposing ordinances for both of these special service areas were approved during the City Council meeting on April 10th 2017. It is anticipated that the required Public Hearing will come before the City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting on June 12th 2017. Project Updates - Plans on presenting updates to a variety of projects at future City Council meetings. Some of these will include the Waste Water Treatment Plant that is currently under construction, the Old Route 47 bridge demolition project and Alternate 4A access alignment as well as the Market Street (IL Route 105) pedestrian crossing.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Murdock to go into closed session at 7:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Melton and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Maura Metcalf
Deputy City Clerk