

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

August 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Corrie at 7 p.m

Mayor Corrie led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Kevin Hiller, Larry Stoner, Wendall Brock
Lyle Murdock, Tim Hayes, John Miller, Vince Kuetemeyer
Absent: Michael Brown
Also Present: Mayor Corrie, Supt. Alsop

CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 Approval of Documents and Action Items as Listed:

- 2.1.1 Claims Report – Claims dated August 13, 2013 thru August 26, 2013
- 2.1.2 Police Report – July 2013
- 2.1.3 City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2013
- 2.1.4 Minutes Fire & Police Commission – July 17, 2013
- 2.1.5. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – August 22, 2013
- 2.1.6. Treasurer’s Report – July 31, 2013
- 2.1.7. Budget Report July 31, 2013

A motion was made by Larry Stoner and seconded by Tim Hayes to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and all voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Corrie informed the city that the strategic planning process for the City of Monticello will begin at the first meeting in September 2013. He wanted the city to know that this process is an was struggling for his life and will be taken off life support.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Nicholas Kammer wanted to let the city and the council know that Monticello works amazingly well. He appreciates the council’s honesty and the city workers are very professional. He also complimented the city police and the beautification project.

Mike and Maureen Holtz each had their five minutes to continue their criticism of the city and in particular Supt. Allsop. Mr. Holtz accused the city of wrongly terminating an employee for speaking out about a home that contained asbestos. This home was demolished by city employees. Mrs. Holtz asked Mayor Corrie and the council why they continue to support Supt. Allsop. She stated the council will remain ineffective until Supt. Allsop is terminated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2013 – 49 Variance - #8 Burdette Court – Area (size of) Outside Storage Shed
The owner of #8 Burdette Court would like to replace an existing 120 sf storage shed with a 280 sf storage shed. The City Zoning Ordinance limits the area of storage sheds to 200 sf (Section 153.020 C (1) (d), therefore the owner is petitioning for a variance to the maximum area requirements of a storage shed to allow the new shed to be installed. The Zoning Board of Appeals met and recommended this be approved. A motion was made by Tim Hayes and seconded by Vince Keutemeyer to approve Ordinance 2013 – 49. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all voting yes.

Senior Peace Meals Update & Request to Reduce Monthly Rent Payment

Ellen Lilly, chairmen for Peace Meals informed the council that the program is having financial issues due to government cut backs. She stated that the government programs are wanting to force the seniors to do frozen meals, but Monticello Peace Meals does not want to go down this path. Lilly said, that for this program to continue they are going to need from all entities in the county. She is asking for the council to suspend their \$150.00 rent each month so the program can cover their costs and keep this program going.

Alderman Hayes made a motion and it was seconded by John Miller, to suspend the rent of \$150.00 for six months, then the council will review the situation at that time. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all voting yes.

ALDERMAN’S REPORT:

Lyle Murdock reported that the city employees are responding to JULIE calls, and replacing some old water meters. Vince Keutemeyer stated “he is disappointed at the freedom some people take with facts, in this case the Holtz’s”. “If you don’t have your facts, you really ought to shut your mouth.” Tim Hayes reported that the summer weather has been very unusual for Monticello Aquatic Center and that Recreation soccer is ready to start. Hayes also stated that the Parks and Recreation Department’s fund has received a couple of donations. Kevin Hiller used his reporting time to inform the citizens that the tone of some public comments is not conducive

to a healthy discussion. Hiller stated he is all for people speaking about their issues but using inflammatory words derails the discussion.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief of Police Galaway reported that calls were up and ordinance complaints for weeds were down. The officers have called back 209 people since this program started in October. July 3rd went really well and all police entities work well together.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Allsop reported that the rock and chip program is under way and going very well. He also informed the council that the above ground storage tank will be put on the agenda for next meeting. He reminded the council that every project has a cost and this will also be included in the discussion.

A motion was made by Tim Hayes, and seconded by John Miller to go into Closed Session – Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) & Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120 (c) (11), roll call vote was taken and all voted yes.

A motion was made by Larry Stoner, seconded by Tim Hayes to adjourn Closed Session at 9:23 p.m.

Tim Hayes, and seconded by Larry Stoner to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan
City Clerk