

Monticello City Council

July 10, 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, Cochran Keating, Seth Melton, Joe Brown
Absent: Tom Reed, John Miller
Also present: City Administrator Terry Summers

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stanley Vaughan addressed the council regarding the old First Mid-Illinois Bank building. He indicated that he feels it would be a great location for the Police Department. He feels it would provide more of a presence of the department, and be good for the downtown.

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

- a) Claims Report (claims dated June 27, 2017 through July 10, 2017)
- b) Treasurers Report – May 2017
- c) Permit Report – June 2017

A motion was made by Alderman Melton and seconded by Alderman Keating 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Mayor's Report: Mayor Stoner indicated that Chris Robinson has withdrawn his request for the apartment complex.

Old Business: None

New Business:

City Council Roles & Responsibilities - City Attorney Dan Bolin discussed the Rules for Meetings of the City Council and gave guidance on the correct motions for waiving second readings, and tabling items.

Annual Audit Report Presentation –Steve Grohne provided an overview of this year's 12-month audit. Alderman Brown had a few questions regarding the audit, the police pension fund, and whether having the bookkeeper hold the position as treasurer causes a conflict.

Resolution 2017-44 Acceptance of Proposal to Furnish Materials and Approval of Award (2017 Annual oil and chip program) The Illinois Department of Transportation requires a resolution for City Council approval and award of this year's oil and chip seal coat operations to Earl Walker Company, Incorporated. The bid tab was provided, as well as the map of this year's program. A motion was made by Alderman Brock to approve Resolution 2017-44 and seconded by Alderman Jones. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2017-45 Preliminary Engineering Agreement for the Market Street and Washington Street intersection Within the current FY 2017 fiscal budget, the City Council approved MFT allocations for the engineering design for the improvements associated with this intersection. One of the design criteria was to provide for a safe pedestrian crossing to be constructed across Market Street. City staff has met with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation and ESCA Consultants to draft a scope of work that will accommodate the pedestrian crossing and provide for the necessary ADA compliant improvements. The design will also incorporate the suggested sidewalk improvements along the east side of Market Street from Washington Street to Main Street as outlined in the Bicycle Network Master Plan. A motion was made by Alderman Melton to approve Resolution 2017-45 and seconded by Alderman Keating. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2017-46 Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Alternate 4A providing for a private access in conjunction with the Old Route 47 Bridge demolition project During FY 2016, a feasibility study of the bridge that carries Old Route 47 over the Sangamon River was conducted by ESCA Consultants. The study, including nine access alternatives, was submitted and discussed during the November 14, 2016 City Council meeting. During that meeting, the City Council directed staff to pursue additional engineering work for Alternate 4A and to also proceed with the necessary engineering for the demolition of the existing bridge. The engineering required for the bridge demolition was approved and executed by the City Council earlier this year.

This Illinois Department of Transportation required resolution and in this provided form will allow for ESCA Consultants to provide Preliminary Engineering for the private access road construction. This work is included within the FY 2017 Motor Fuel Tax budget of \$1,575,000 for the Route 47 bridge project. A copy of Alternate 4A was provided. A motion was made by Alderman Brock to approve Resolution 2017-46 and seconded by Alderman Melton. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with four present voting yes, and Alderman Jones voting no.

Ordinance 2017-47 An Ordinance Regulating Parking on Charter Street During recent City Council meetings, Alderman Keating has led a variety of discussions for possible traffic control measures along Charter Street and State Street located south of Marion Street. It was the general consensus of the Council to eliminate parking on the east side of Charter Street from William Street to Marion Street and that traffic control along State Street was not warranted nor desired. The elimination of parking requires the passage of an Ordinance prior to the installation of signage and any possibility of enforcement. A motion was made by Alderman Melton to waive the second reading of Resolution 2017-47 and seconded by Alderman Keating. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes. A motion was made by Alderman Keating to approve Resolution 2017-47 and seconded by Alderman Brock. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2017-48 An Ordinance establishing Special Service Area Number 3 (Sage Meadows) The Ordinance is required as per state statute for establishing a special service area (SSA). The proposing ordinance was approved by the City Council at the April 10th 2017 regularly scheduled meeting. The required Public Hearing was published as required in the local newspaper and said hearing conducted by the City Council on June 26th, 2017. The subject area only will be levied a maximum fifty cent (\$0.50) tax per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of equalized assessed value for a maximum of twenty (20) years. A map of the subject area was included on page 9 of the Ordinance. A motion was made by Alderman Brock to waive the second reading of Resolution 2017-48 and seconded by Alderman Brown. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes. A motion was made by Alderman Brown to approve Resolution 2017-48 and seconded by Alderman Keating. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2017-49 An Ordinance establishing Special Service Area Number 4 (Walden Pond Estates) The Ordinance is required as per state statute for establishing a special service area (SSA). The proposing

ordinance was approved by the City Council at the April 10th 2017 regularly scheduled meeting. The required Public Hearing was published as required in the local newspaper and said hearing conducted by the City Council on June 26th, 2017. The subject area only will be levied a maximum fifty cent (\$0.50) tax per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of equalized assessed value for a maximum of twenty (20) years. A map of the subject area was included on page 9 of the Ordinance. A motion was made by Alderman Brock to waive the second reading of Resolution 2017-49 and seconded by Alderman Melton. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes. A motion was made by Alderman Brock to approve Resolution 2017-49 and seconded by Alderman Melton. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2017-50 Redevelopment Agreement - City of Monticello and the Monticello Community Unit School District #25 Redevelopment Agreement. Attorney Dan Bolin indicated we would need to hold this Ordinance until the next City Council meeting to vote.

Aldermen's Reports – Alderman Brown asked for an update on Stoddard Court. Alderman Keating asked for an update on the parking near Subway. Alderman Jones indicated he feels there is a need for a Project Manager on staff. He also inquired about problems regarding the fiber lines. Alderman Brock is watching to see how the change of parking works on Charter Street. He thinks there is a need on Ridge road and will bring it to council at a later date.

Police Chief's Report – None

City Administrator's Report – *Monticello Airport update* - The Special City Council meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, June 15th 2017 at 7:00 p.m. was cancelled due to the possible lack of a quorum and other unfortunate circumstances has been rescheduled for a Special City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 13th, 2017 in the City Council room. The intent of the meeting is to present current City Council members with historical information and current status of the airport. Again, this will be discussion only and no action will take place. *Shared Service Best Practices* - On July 12th, 2017 Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti will be presenting the Illinois Local Government Shared Service Best Practices Award to the Monticello Area Local Governments Intergovernmental Agreement members. The participating members include Monticello Township, City of Monticello, Piatt County Highway Department, Sangamon Township Road District, Goose Creek Township Road District, Willow Branch Township Road District, Blue Ridge Township Road District and the Monticello Community Unit School District #25. This program ranked in the top 27 best examples in Illinois according to the first annual *Journal of Local Government Shared Service Best Practices* as published by the Local Consolidated and Unfunded Mandates Task Force in December of last year. This is something that we all should be immensely proud of. He congratulated all of these entities on all of their hard work and accomplishments and extended his extreme gratitude to Mr. Charlie Montgomery, Monticello Township Highway Commissioner. *Community Swap Program* - Arcola presented their Community Swap report to Monticello on Wednesday, June 28th. Their visits were conducted on a Saturday and on a Tuesday. The presentation included the following 15 categories: Community Entrances; Housing; Schools; Faith, Culture and Heritage; Central Business District and Retail; Dining; Recreation; Tourism, Visitor and Community Information; Information on Community Residents; Infrastructure and Public Works; Technology; Local Industry; Healthcare; Other Services; and General Observations. In short, the report was very favorable of Monticello with just a few “constructive criticisms” mentioned. An electronic version of their report was sent to all aldermen Thursday afternoon, July 6, 2017.

Upcoming Planning and Zoning Board Meeting - Two applications have been filed with the City for zoning action at the July 17th, 2017 Planning and Zoning Board. Doug Huisinga of Huisinga Homes, Inc. has applied for a conditional use permit to allow a zero lot line use on a vacant lot on E. Center Street, close to Greely. Seth & Julie Melton have applied for a variance to the setback requirements for a deck or patio. The City Council will have the opportunity to consider both zoning actions at the July 24th City Council meeting. *100 W. Washington Street (the donated First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust building)* - The potential developer is tentatively scheduled to present his development plans to the City Council on July 24th, 2017. *200 S. West Union Street (former bus barn property)* - The prospective owner (Mr. Chris Robinson) has requested to remove his project for City Council consideration as previously presented at the June 26th, 2017 City Council meeting. The prospective owner is planning on submitting a revised plan to the Planning and Zoning Board for their consideration and public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 21st, 2017. It is anticipated that their recommendation will be presented to the City Council for Council consideration at the August 28th, 2017 meeting. Becky Murdock will be making a donation to the Monticello Recreation Foundation on behalf of Lyle Murdock tomorrow morning at the foundation meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Melton and seconded by Alderman Brock to go into closed session at 8:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Melton and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:3 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Maura Metcalf
Deputy City Clerk