

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

January 22, 2018

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. He made an announcement that Alderman Melton resigned as Alderman for Ward 2. He sold his home, and is no longer living in Ward 2. He thanked Seth for his service to the City.

Roll Call was taken by Deputy City Clerk, Maura Metcalf.

ROLL CALL: Present: John Miller, Ian Clark, Tom Reed, Cochran Keating
Absent: Wendall Brock, Joe Brown, Jeremy Jones

Also Present: City Administrator, Terry Summers, Jim Grabarczyk,
Monticello Police Lieutenant, Terry Jones, Pat Gleason

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

John Frerichs spoke regarding home sales in Monticello in 2017. 124 homes sales occurred with an average price of \$183,000 (5% greater than 2016) and within an average of 82 days. It currently is a seller's market due to low inventory. He will be presenting the information on a regular basis so the council is aware of the market, and trends.

Gail Jones spoke regarding the trash hauler license. She requested the council put language in the license agreement that all haulers must allow totes, and provide stickers so the residents only have to pay for the services they use.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report – Claims dated January 9, 2018 through January 22, 2018
- b) Meeting Minutes:
City Council January 8, 2018 - withdrawn
- c) Treasurers Report – November 2017
- d) Fire Report – December 2017

Mayor Stoner pulled the meeting minutes due to the City Administrator's report missing. A motion was made by Alderman Miller and 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 welcomed Decatur Memorial Hospital, Monticello Branch and indicated they had a wonderful ribbon cutting last week with a great turnout. He also mentioned Allerton is hosting a Movie at the Mansion, "Lion the With and the Wardrobe" Friday February 9th, from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. He also indicated that he has reserved 10 spaces for council and staff to volunteer at the Monticello Fighting Hunger event, on Saturday, February 24th, from 9am – 10:45am. He asked all of the aldermen and city staff to consider volunteering and to sign up with Callie asap.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayoral Appointment- Fire Department, 4 New Volunteer Firefighters

Mayor Stoner asked City Administrator, Terry Summers to give the council an overview of the motion. Summers stated the Fire Department is currently operating with 15 volunteer fire fighters. The Department strives to maintain 20 volunteer fire fighters. The current fire department budget includes operating with 20 fire fighters. Fire Chief Rick Dubson would like Mayor Stoner to appoint Adam Kownacki, Patrick Pelz, Michael Barnes & Sarah Barnes. A motion was made by Alderman Keating and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the Mayoral appointments. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2018-09 Resolution Extending Waste Hauler Licenses

Mayor Stoner asked City Administrator, Terry Summers to give the council an overview of the resolution. Summers stated this resolution extends the current licenses for waste haulers that are due to expire on January 31, 2018 to a certain date that will be specified within the resolution at the direction of the City Council. City staff has received resident complaints regarding operating hours, recycling efforts and the sticker program. He indicated that he believed some Aldermen have received similar complaints in the past. Alderman Miller said that he would like to see the hours be earlier in the summer months to get the trucks of the streets sooner. He would also like to have a small tote offered for \$6-\$8 a month for smaller households. Alderman Clark mentioned a discount is offered if paid in full annually. The Alderman present agreed to extend the licenses until March 31, 2018. A motion was made by Alderman Reed and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve Resolution 2018-09 Resolution Extending Waste Hauler Licenses. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes

Resolution 2018-10, Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit, 351 West Monroe Street

Mayor Stoner asked Building & Zoning Administrator, Pat Gleason to give the council an overview of the resolution. Gleason stated that Willow Tree Missions, 351 W. Monroe Street, desires to construct an accessory structure at this location. In order to proceed, the Willow Tree Missions has applied for a conditional use permit from the City to allow the construction of an accessory structure on a property zoned General Industrial. Willow Tree Mission's intent is to construct the building, anchored into the parking lot in front of their resale shop. This will replace the current tent and storage pod that is currently used. There will be no concrete slab so the building can be moved to another location more easily if needed in the future. In the packet were an aerial image of the property, a copy of the public notice published in the December 27th, 2017, edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican, the resolution for action, and additional documentation. After discussion, the Planning & Zoning Board voted on January 16, 2018 to recommend approval of this resolution, 4 yes, 0 no, 2 absent, 1 abstaining. Alderman Keating inquired about how the building will be anchored, and Ms. Lejeune indicated the erecting company will be providing that service. A motion was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve Resolution 2018-10 Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit, 351 West Monroe. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderman Keating mentioned he would like to come up with a branding statement to set us apart from other communities. We have an outstanding school system, unique mascot, trains, Allerton and low crime. He also indicated that he spoke to Scott Bailey regarding radium in the city water and that our levels are extremely low. He said "Kudos & hats off to Scott and all his hard work!"

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator, Terry Summers thanked Alderman Melton for his service to the city and congratulated Scott Bailey and the whole water crew for doing a great job!

He indicated that we anticipate presenting the annual appropriation ordinance for City Council consideration next month. State statute requires formal adoption by the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. The required public notice was published in the January 17 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican and will also be published in the January 24 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican and has been available for public viewing since January 17, 2018. This ordinance will be presented to the City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting on February 12, 2018.

The auditing firm of May, Cocagne & King, P.C. is scheduled to perform their annual audit of FY 2017 during the second week of February, 2018.

Mayor Stoner and City personnel have discussed the possibilities of posting City Council agendas and supporting documents sooner than the required 48-hour minimum notices. Currently these documents are made public near the end of the business day on the Friday before the City Council meeting. City staff will be posting the agendas and providing all of the supporting documents by the end of the day on the nearest Wednesday preceding the City Council meeting date.

Mayor Stoner asked an Alderman to volunteer to assist him with Terry's 6-month evaluation. He anticipated using Alderman Melton, but with his departure would like someone else to help.

A motion was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Maura Metcalf