

## MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2018

Mayor Stoner called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Alderman Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Jeff Bealmear, from Monticello United Methodist Church, led the council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Pam Harlan.

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

Also Present: City Administrator, Terry Summers, Jim Grabarczyk, Maura Metcalf, Monticello Police Chief, John Carter, City Attorney, Derke Price

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Gail Jones addressed the council in regards to the Monticello School District Superintendent, Vic Zimmerman informing the public that the City of Monticello is going to take over Lincoln School if the school referendum passes.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report – Claims dated January 23, 2018 through February 12, 2018
- b) Meeting Minutes:
  - City Council Meeting Minutes January 8, 2018
  - City Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 2018
- c) Budget Report – December 2017
- d) Fire Report – January 2018
- e) Police Report – January 2018
- f) Permit Report – January 2018

A motion was made by Alderman Brock and by Alderman Clark to approve the Consent Agenda items. Alderman Brown had a question about the high Ameren charge. City staff informed Alderman Brown that it was for two months of charges on the city street lighting. The cost of the lighting has increased due to a discounted rate that is no longer available. The city now pays full price with some rebates from Ameren. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all present voting yes.

## MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Stoner reported that there are still 5 spaces that were reserved for the Council and staff to volunteer at the Monticello Fighting Hunger event, on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Mayor Stoner ask the council to consider volunteering for this event and to let Callie Jo McFarland know if interested. Stoner also let the public know the Monticello Parks and Recreation guides will be mailed to all Monticello, White Heath and Cisco residents this week. Mayor Stoner informed the citizens that youth spring ball program registration begins this week and runs trough next week. Registration will be taken online or at the Municipal Building.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

### **Public Hearing – Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2018-11**

Mayor Stoner ask for a motion to open annual appropriation hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Clark to open the appropriation hearing @ 6:23 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes. There was a comment from Steve Shreffler about the appropriation not being the same as the original FY 2018 budget. Mayor Stoner ask for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Keating and seconded by Alderman Reed to close the Annual Appropriation Hearing @ 6:27. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

### **Ordinance 2018-11 Approval of the FY 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance**

Mayor Stoner ask City Administrator, Terry Summers to give an overview of the updated appropriation. Summers stated that the City Council annually adopts an appropriation ordinance, which must be passed during the first quarter of each fiscal year. The appropriation ordinance serves as the City's legal spending authority and sets the maximum legal spending limit for the year. The appropriation ordinance is slightly inflated over the adopted FY 2018 Budget to allow for unforeseen revenues and/or expenditures.

Please note that City staff has made two adjustments to this appropriation:

- 1) MFT revenue now includes \$58,960 for STU reimbursement (budget line #05-4500600). This is a reimbursement for the Construction Engineering involved in the Allerton Street, Marion Street, Piatt Street and Washington Street Pavement Rehabilitation project from 2016.
- 2) Street lighting now reflects the anticipated expenditure of \$110,000 (budget line #0151575-02). The budget for FY2018 erroneously carried forward the FY2017 amount of \$43,000.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Brock to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2018-11. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 3 yes and 3 no votes. Mayor Stoner broke the tie with a yes vote. Alderman Jones, Alderman Brown, and Alderman Keating voted no. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Keating to approve Ordinance 2018-11 Approval of the FY 2018 Annual

Appropriation Ordinance. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 5 yes and 1 no votes. Alderman Brown voted no.

### **Update Signatures for City Accounts – Motion Only**

Mayor Stoner ask Maura Metcalf to give an overview of this motion. Maura let the council know that since Seth Melton is no longer an Alderman the city needs an Alderman to sign checks in Mayor Stoner's absence. A motion is needed to approve or designate Alderman Brock to sign checks in Mayor Stoner's absence. A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Clark to designate Alderman Brock to sign checks in Mayor Stoner's absence. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

### **Waste Hauler License – Discussion Only**

The discussion started out with Alderman Jones questioning why the ordinance that was approved in 2016 is being questioned. Jones stated that all the markets are being met so there is not a need to change what the ordinance that is in place. Alderman Jones reminded the council that the city has a hauler that has alternate services other than the one large bin and maybe the city should just have one hauler. City Administrator, Terry Summers added that the ordinance allows waste haulers to offer monthly billing, and a sticker system that has customers paying per bag of waste. Summers stated that the sticker system has been eliminated or discouraged by two of the haulers. Mayor Stoner interjected that this has caused many complaints by the residents who use small amounts of waste. Alderman Clark suggested smaller totes being offered to those customers who use less waste. Alderman Brock felt the licenses should be open to more than one hauler. Alderman Keating stated that the council should set forth demands and guidelines and the haulers meet them. Keating ask that city staff investigate hauling ordinances from other area communities and report back to the council.

### **Market Street and Washington Street Intersection Streetscape – Discussion Only**

Mayor Stoner ask City Administrator, Terry Summers to lead off this discussion with some details on the project. Summers stated that the project will install a pedestrian-activated signal allowing for safe crossing at the Washington and Market Street intersection. The project will include ADA entrances at all four corners. There will be a two-tiered sidewalk design on the south side of Washington that will help with accessibility for shopping at local businesses. Summers informed the council that the decorative railing and lights, as well as a sidewalk design that is similar to the one on Charter Street is planned. Summers informed the council that in this plan five parking spaces will be eliminated, one diagonal space on the north side and four parallel ones on south. Summers stated that the sidewalks that run parallel to Rt 105 will be wider. Alderman Keating was very excited about the plan and thinks it could really be good for economic development. Summers reminded the City Council that Preliminary Engineering for this project was approved within the 2017 fiscal budget and have included \$225,000 in

construction and Construction Engineering for this project in the 2018 fiscal budget. Alderman Brown stated he does not think the city can afford the project.

#### ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderman Keating informed the council that the Monticello United Methodist Church will be getting a new pastor.

Alderman Brown asked City Administrator, Terry Summers if he had met with Superintendent of Monticello Schools in regards to Lincoln School. Summers informed Alderman Brown that he had met with Vic Zimmerman and nothing was decided. Mr. Zimmerman will come and ask the council about Lincoln School, but the decision will be the councils. Alderman Brown also stated that the city should find a fiscal and budget specialist.

#### POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: NONE

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Summers had the following items to report:

##### *Solar Energy*

The City of Monticello and Piatt County are joining the City of Urbana in partnering with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association for a solar group program. The partnership allows the communities to join together for a 'group buy' for residents interested in solar projects for their own home or business. The partnership invites requests for proposals from solar contractors, and interested individuals can receive a discounted installation because of the number of potential installs throughout the communities. There is no financial commitment or official action needed by the City. Solar Power Hour informational meetings will be held in various locations throughout the partnering communities, with homeowners deciding if they would like to participate by August of 2018. City Staff will be involved as a position on the Advisory Committee or the Program team.

##### *Lawsuit Update*

Our attorneys participated in a telephone status update in regards to the Valentine lawsuit on January 26th and there is a follow up telephone status update scheduled for March 7.

##### *Projects Update*

City staff met with the design engineers on January 25th to discuss the improvements to the Washington Street and Market Street intersection, the Old Route 47 bridge demolition and Alternate 4A access project, the Bridge Street resurfacing project and the Old Route 47 sanitary sewer and water main extension project near Green Apple Lane.

*Planning and Zoning Board*

Mid-Piatt Fire Protection District located at 1201 Raymond Road has applied for a variance to the side yard setback from 15 feet to 10 feet and City staff will begin discussions with the members of the Planning and Zoning Board regarding future planning, building code updates and the existing permit fee schedule at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 19th.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Reed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan