

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

February 26, 2018

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

Alderman Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Jerry Dusenberry, from Monticello Christian 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, John Miller

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:26

- a) Claims Report – Claims dated February 13, 2018 through February 12, 2018
- b) Meeting Minutes:
 - City Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018
 - Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018
 - Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2017

A motion was made by Alderman Miller and by Alderman Clark to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all present voting yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Stoner read a statement from City Administrator, Terry Summers to Mayor Stoner:

RE: City use of automatic car wash and Alderman Joe Brown

Alderman Brown inquired about City employees utilizing the automatic car wash for washing City vehicles. This has been a practice of the City of Monticello dating back prior to 2003. This is the first time, at least to my knowledge, that justification of this practice has been desired. These car wash coupons are purchased at a bulk, discounted rate. All City employees are expected to care and maintain their City vehicles and equipment and I believe this practice is an efficient way to perform such maintenance.

Mayor Stoner also reported that himself, City Staff and Monticello Main Street, met with downtown business and building owners directly adjacent to the upcoming streetscape project to discuss the project. Mayor Stoner stated that everyone was very supportive of the project. Communication will continue with the businesses and owners as the project nears.

Stoner thanked those who volunteered at the Monticello Fighting Hunger event. A total of 100,872 meals were packaged by 600 volunteers in less than 6 hours. Other things that Mayor Stoner wanted the council and citizens to be aware of were:

John Evans was awarded Illinois Rural Water Association's 2018 Waste Water Operator of the Year

Stefanie Santos McLeese is the new Executive Director of Monticello Main Street

Mayor Stoner will be participating in Bid Day for the Aggregation program the week of March 5, 2018

Spring Monticello Boot Camp program begins February 27, 2018

The 6th Piatt County Antique Day is Saturday, March 3, 2018

Preferred Care Medical has opened at 313 W Main Street

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayoral Appointment – City Council, Ward 2 Alderman

Mayor Stoner asked the council to make a motion to support his appointment of Tammy Sebens for City Council, Ward 2 Alderwoman. A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the mayor appointment of Tammy Sebens to City Council, Ward 2 Alderwoman. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes. City Clerk, Pamela Harlan then swore in Tammy Sebens to the City Council. Alderwoman Sebens joined the council and the meeting continued.

Resolution 2018-12; Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code, Preliminary Engineering for the HMA resurfacing of Bridge Street

Mayor Stoner ask City Administrator, Terry Summers to give an overview of the resolution to the council. Summers stated that the City of Monticello accepted for maintenance this portion of roadway of Center Street/Bridge Street from Market Street to the corporate limits of the City of Monticello under a jurisdictional transfer agreement from the State of Illinois in 1998. The bridge over Interstate 72 and the bridge over the Sangamon River were not included in that jurisdictional transfer and are still the maintenance responsibilities of the State of Illinois and will not be included within this project. City Council approved the Preliminary Engineering (\$83,000) for this project in the current 2018 Motor Fuel Tax fiscal budget. It is anticipated that actual construction could occur during our 2019 fiscal year with expenditures being allocated from Motor Fuel Tax and additional funds being available from our Federal Surface

Transportation (STU) funds. The Preliminary Engineering phase of this project includes surveys for the preparation of detailed roadway plans, soil surveys and preparation of any necessary environmental documents and estimates of construction costs as required by the Illinois Department of Transportation. If this resolution is approved, it authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds. A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Reed to approve Resolution 2018-12; Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code, Preliminary Engineering for the HMA resurfacing of Bridge Street. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2018-13; Mid-Piatt Fire Protection District Variance to Side Yard Setback

Mayor Stoner ask Building and Zoning Administrator, Pat Gleason to give an overview of the ordinance to the council. Gleason stated that Mid-Piatt Fire Protection District, 1201 Raymond Road desires to construct an addition to the building at this location. In order to proceed, the Mid-Piatt Fire Protection District has applied for a variance from the City to the required 15 feet setback requirement on a property zoned General Industrial. The addition will require a variance from 15 feet to 10 feet to the side yard setback requirement to accommodate the 42' X 80' X 16' pole style building addition. A public notice was published in the January 31, 2018, edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican. After discussion, the Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of this variance, 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. The petitioner representative, Scott McFarland was present to field any question from the council. The council did not have any questions for McFarland. Mayor Stoner ask the council if they would like to make a motion to waive the second reading of ordinance 2018-13. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Reed to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2018-13. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 5 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstain. Alderman Jones and Alderman Brown voted no. Alderwoman Sebens abstained from the vote. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Keating to approve Ordinance 2018-13: Mid-Piatt Fire Protection District Variance to Side Yard Setback. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Waste Hauler License – Discussion Only

This topic was on the agenda at the last council meeting and again tonight. The council still has many issues with the ordinance and the waste haulers. The sticker program is sought out by mostly senior's because they may only have one bag a trash a month. Alderman Brown stated that the sticker program was originally started for those who wintered away from Monticello. City Administrator, Terry Summers stated that the trash subscriptions can also be suspended during time away. Alderman Keating reported that he had been doing some research on recycling revenue and found it to be a very lucrative industry. Alderman Keating also stated that a sticker for \$2.50 a bag of trash is doable but \$16.00 for a sticker is not. Alderman Miller stated that the ordinance could mandate a sticker but could not force a price on the haulers. Alderman

Clark supports smaller totes for those having less trash. Alderman Jones stated that purchasing stickers should be made easier to access. Alderman Keating suggested that city staff and some council members sit down with the waste haulers for lunch and share some of the concerns. City Administrator, Terry Summers will set something up and include Alderman Clark and Alderman Keating.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Alderman Brown stated that a concerned citizen had gotten in touch with Brown concerning the city employee at the car wash. Alderman Brown then inquired about this via email to City Administrator, Terry Summers. Alderman Brown again requested that the city seek out a budget consultant. Alderman Brown also asked if any city home owners had water in basements. Public Works Administrator, Jim Grabarczyk informed the council that the public works had to pump out two manholes due to a major pump breakdown at the WWTP. The citizens were also informed that if they do get water in their basements to contact the municipal building and it will be noted in the CMON.

Alderman Keating reported that the city taking over the Lincoln School building and property is not a sure thing.

Alderman Miller inquired about Tree USA. City Administrator, Terry Summers informed Miller that he had done some research and the program is costly but will do some more research and bring back some definite statistics.

Alderman Clark had been approached by employees that work at the court house concerning parking behind Brown Bag and receiving parking tickets. Parking Reinforcement employee Gail Jones was asked why they are getting tickets when the parking lot is not full. Jones explained that this parking lot is two-hour limit due to an ordinance.

Alderman Brock welcomed Alderwoman Tammy Sebens to the City Council. He asked if city staff could do some research on some type of parking permit for those that work at the court house. Maybe attach some type of fee that would enable them to park closer to the court house. Alderman Jones would like to see an intergovernmental board developed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Summers had the following items to report:

Welcome to Tammy Sebens to the City Council

Market Street Pedestrian Crossing

City staff and Mayor Stoner met with the majority of the owners and tenants that will be affected by this project during the morning hours of Friday, February 16th. The small group was presented with the Preliminary Engineering plan followed with questions and answers. The plan

was well received and everyone appreciated the City's efforts to address the pedestrian crossing, the ADA intersection improvements and the ADA compliant building access.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator of the Year

John Evans was recently awarded the waste water treatment plant operator of the year at the annual Illinois Rural Water Association conference. Congratulations to John and all of the public works department personnel for all of their hard work in operating our plant and our collection system as well.

Parks and Recreation

The 2018 Parks and Recreation Community Program Guides were mailed out on Friday, February 16th, 2018. Everything you would ever need to know about all of the programs, events and park and recreation facilities offered by the City of Monticello Recreation Department can be found within this guide.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan