

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

May 29, 2018

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

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Rodney Burris from Four Square Church in Monticello, led the council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Pam Harlan.

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

Also Present: City Administrator, Terry Summers,
Maura Metcalf, Monticello Police Lieutenant, Terry Jones,
Director of Public Works, Jim Grabarczyk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report – Claims dated May 15, 2018 through May 29, 2018
- b) Meeting Minutes:
City Council Meeting Minutes May 14, 2018
- c) Budget Report – April 2018

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Stoner had the following item to report:

- Thank you to the Monticello Middle School 8th graders who worked in downtown last week cleaning windows, spreading mulch, and picking up garbage – your efforts are noticed and appreciated.
- Also, on behalf of City Staff and Council, Mayor Stoner expressed sincere condolences to the family of Larry Ziemer, upon his passing. Larry was a talented local artist who captured the history and charm of Monticello in many of his pieces. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Carol and family.

Upcoming Events:

- Horizon Hobby RC Fest is scheduled for June 1-3, 2018 at Eli Field. This is a hands-on, fun focused RC celebration for the entire family. Doors open at 8am and runs until 10pm all three days.
- The Allerton Summer Kick-off Concert is next Friday, June 1, 2018 from 6pm-9pm at the Gatehouse Lawn. Enjoy performances by Rebecca Rego & the Trainmen, and Lupe Carroll.
- Visit our friends to the south during the annual Bement Old Glory Day festival, Saturday, June 9, 2018, starting at 10am in downtown Bement.
- The first of three summer Courthouse Rocks events is planned for next Saturday, June 9, 2018 in downtown Monticello. Bluegrass band Firefox will be performing on Charter Street at 6pm, with a car show up & show off, vendors, and the movie on State Street – “Beauty and the Beast” – thank you to Christie Clinic for sponsoring this event.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2018-22; An Ordinance Amending Title XI, Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code (Solicitors and Canvassers)

Mayor Stoner ask City Administrator, Terry Summers to give an overview of the ordinance in Monticello Police Chief, John Carter’s absence. Summers stated that the City Attorney was asked to review the City’s solicitor ordinance, and propose suggested amendments designed to reduce fraud and crime, while also protecting solicitors’ First Amendment rights. It was determined that the current ordinance is not in line with First Amendment Rights of Canvassers and the changes are necessary for compliance. We still require permits (licenses) for commercial Door-to-Door Solicitation: The proposed ordinance requires a license for door-to-door commercial solicitation, tailoring the City’s regulations to where fraud, crime, and privacy concerns are greatest, while also leaving open opportunities to engage in First Amendment-protected activities. Non-Commercial Door-to-Door Solicitation License Is Not Required: The proposed Ordinance specifies that individuals or organizations with certain enumerated purposes do not need to apply or pay for a license to solicit within the City. This provision acknowledges important First Amendment rights of religious organizations and news media, while requiring compliance with the resident’s direction regarding welcome solicitors at his or her residence. This ordinance allows for the creation of a “No Knock” Registry: Residents may prohibit door-to-door commercial and/or non-commercial solicitation by registering their residence with the Police Department, which will maintain and publish the “No Knock” registry on the City’s website. Residents may also exclude door-to-door commercial and/or non-commercial solicitors from their property by posting an appropriate sign. This procedure empowers residents to permit or prohibit door-to-door solicitation and reduces claims that the City is regarding First Amendment rights. In conclusion, the proposed amendments to

the City's solicitor ordinance are intended to help the City accomplish its goals regarding crime, fraud, and privacy, while regulating solicitors in accordance with the applicable statutes and constitutional requirements. Mayor Stoner ask for a motion from the council. A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Reed to approve Ordinance 2018-22, An Ordinance Amending Title XI, Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code (Solicitors and Canvassers). Alderman Brown led the discussion opposing this Ordinance stating that this Ordinance could impact political campaigning. Brown was concerned residents would block campaigning and not realize it when blocking commercial solicitors. Alderman Clark would never put a sign at his door but would put his name on a "No Knock List". The rest of the Alderman present stated the Ordinance is clear and spells out the difference between commercial and non-commercial solicitors. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 4 yes and 1 no votes. Alderman Brown voted no.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT:

Alderman Brown inquired about Stoddard Court. Summers stated the project is going well and has had no complaints.

Alderman Reed thanked Public Works for getting a water main break taken care of between 8 and 9 Fir Court.

Alderman Clark reported that the Monticello Aquatic Center had a record opening day and the life guards had 4 successful saves that day.

Alderman Brock thanked Terry Jones and Jim Grabarczyk for some lawn needs that had gotten out of control.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Summers had the following items to report:

Annual Financial Report

Representation from the certified public accountants and consulting firm of May, Cocagne and King, PC. will present their annual financial report for the year ending December 31, 2017 at the June 25th, 2018 City Council meeting. You should have received an email on Tuesday, May 22nd notifying you that copies of this report were provided to you in your mailbox.

Sewer Averages

Sewer averages will begin with the first bills of June and the averages will continue through the September billing cycle. This program was initiated to alleviate possible financial strain on the

residents of Monticello while watering lawns and filling swimming pools during these four months.

Police Union Negotiations

The current police union contract is due to expire this year. Negotiations will begin next month. Police Station The air conditioning quit at the police station during the week of May 21. Chief Carter is currently in the process of ascertaining quotes to make the appropriate repairs or possible replacement.

Monticello Family Aquatic Center

The Monticello Family Aquatic Center is on schedule to open for the year on Monday, May 28th, 2018 and is scheduled to close on August 21st, 2018. We are pleased to have witnessed an increase in the family pre-season passes this year as compared to last year. The mechanical seals failed on one of the pumps in the basement causing the motor to seize up during startup operations, the motor has been repaired and the impeller has been replaced. The unit is scheduled to be installed on Tuesday, May 29th. One of the two exterior accessed restrooms on the west side of the bath house is being retrofitted to accommodate private showering and the other restroom will become available for all individuals.

Solar Energy

The City recently hosted the first of several Solar Power Hours at the Livingston Center. The events are open to the public with the purpose to educate and inform Champaign and Piatt County residents about the Solar Urbana-Champaign 3.0 program that we are partnering on. This is a grassroots program combining volume purchasing with community education to make solar power more accessible and affordable. The next scheduled Solar Power Hours are June 7th at 6pm at First Presbyterian Church in Monticello, and June 20th at 6:30pm at Monarch Brewing Company.

Local Update of Census Addresses

The City recently completed the thorough review of the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) for the 2020 Census. This involved reviewing the listed parcels and tracts (about 2,600 residential addresses) that the Census had on record and cross-referencing them with our own database for all residences within the city limits. Accurate Census data is very important as many formulas for funding are based upon population count and current demographics.

Tax Increment Financing

Staff is currently completing the annual report for Tax Increment Financing District #2, which is required by the State of Illinois. Once completed, the report must be filed by the City's TIF administrator and submitted to the Illinois State Comptroller's office by June

30th. Following the completion of the report, the Joint Review Board meeting will be held in June with representatives from all appropriate taxing bodies invited. As in the past, a summary of the annual report, and minutes from the Joint Review Board meeting, will be provided to the City Council.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Brock to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan