

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

June 25, 2018

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

Alderman Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Rodney Burris from Open Hearts Church, led the council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Pam Harlan.

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

Also Present: City Administrator, Terry Summers, Maura Metcalf, Monticello Police Chief, John Carter, Brett Baker, Callie Jo McFarland

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

John Diniz spoke to the council in regards to the Monticello Aquatic Center life guards making \$8.80 with several years of experience and having to pay for their own CPR and First Aid certifications. Mr. Diniz stated working at McDonalds the pay starts at \$9.00 an hour and does not have the lifesaving responsibilities that the Life Guards have. He ask the council to reassess the Life Guards salary.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Claims Report – Claims dated June 12, 2018 through June 25, 2018

b) Meeting Minutes:

City Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2018

City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes June 11, 2018

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2018

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes February 19, 2018

c) Police Report

d) Budget Report

A motion was made by Alderman Clark 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 let the public know of the following upcoming events:

- Monticello Farmer's Market will be held on Thursday's from 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- The Red, Whites and the Blues, Allerton Park, Friday, June 29th, 2018 with performances by Billy Galt and the Blues Deacons, and John Primer and the Real Deal Blues Band

- The 2nd Annual Monticello Community Worship Service will be held on Sunday, July 1st, at 7pm at the High School Football Field
- Monticello Freedom Fest, Tuesday, July 3rd, starting at 4pm. Music, food, vendors, and fireworks. Don't forget to ride the shuttle (support your local music boosters), and also please donate to the Freedom Fest to help this and future July 3rd events
- Fireworks Special – take the train to see the fireworks, and avoid the traffic-tickets must be bought in advance. The train leaves the Wabash depot at 8pm
- Bement July 4th – parade at 2pm, vendors, food and contests, with fireworks at dusk

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Audit Report Presentation – May, Cocagne, & King – Steve Grohne. Steve Grohne will be providing an overview of this year's 12 month audit

Steve Grohne was present to give the council an overview of the 12 month audit. The firm's only concern is the same as in years past that the City of Monticello does not have an accountant on staff so the accounting firm has to prepare the financial statements and audit them also. This is the practice of many small municipalities who do not have the need or revenue to have an accountant on staff full time. Alderman Brown had a concern about the police pension fund. Mr. Grohne informed Brown that the fund is doing well and is on track with the actuaries. Alderman Brown inquired if the Police Pension Fund Committee could use a more aggressive approach on their investments? Mr. Grohne informed that council that they could it is up to them. The Police Pension Fund has their investments in a very conservative investment at this time.

Ordinance 2018-26; Liquor Ordinance Amendment

Mayor Stoner ask Callie Jo McFarland to give the council an overview of the ordinance. She stated that Pete Bergstrom who owns Bergie's- the Occasional Place at 106 S. Charter Street has recently applied for and received a Class C liquor license to sell alcohol as part of his catering and restaurant business. He would like to take advantage of the outdoor seating area in front of his establishment, but there are no available Class H liquor licenses to allow alcohol on the sidewalk area. The 5 Class H licenses the City permits are held by Fieldhouse 219, Filippo's Pizza, Three Ravens, Las Maria's and the Main Street Pub. Mr. Bergstrom has asked for the creation of another Class H license to allow him to participate in the patio seating. During summer events, in addition to regular patronage, the patio seating is a popular choice for patrons. Previous businesses in this location have held a Class H license with no problems in terms of access. Mayor Stoner asked if there was a motion to wave second reading of ordinance 2018-26. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens to wave second reading of Ordinance 2018-26. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 4 yes and 3 no votes. Alderman Brown, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Keating voted no. A motion was made by Alderman Keating and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve Ordinance 2018-26; Liquor Ordinance Amendment. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2018-27 Variance Request – 785 E Old Route 47

Mayor Stoner ask Callie Jo McFarland to give the council an overview of the ordinance.

McFarland stated that Josh McConkey owns the single family residence at 785 E. Old Route 47, zoned Urban Residential. There are currently two storage sheds in the rear yard of the property. Staff was not able to find permits or zoning actions on these sheds, so the assumption is made that both storage sheds are considered existing nonconforming structures, and erected prior to the adoption of the regulation that limits one storage shed per parcel. Any alteration, removal or replacement of a nonconforming structure must adhere to current zoning standards, requiring a conditional use permit. Mr. McConkey would like to replace the storage shed on the west side with a larger shed. The proposed replacement shed would be 14' x 20', or 280sf total, exceeding the maximum allowable area of 200sf for a storage shed. Mr. McConkey is requesting a variance to the 200sf maximum area, to allow a replacement shed that is 280sf in size. A public hearing notice was published in the May 30, 2018 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican, and notices were sent via certified mailing to all adjacent property owners, as per state statute. The Planning & Zoning Board held a public hearing at their scheduled meeting on June 18, 2018, where no public comment was made. After discussion, the Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of this conditional use and variance, 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. Mayor Stoner ask if there was a motion to wave the second reading of Ordinance 2018-27. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Reed to wave second reading of Ordinance 2018-27. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 4 yes and 3 no votes. Alderman Brown, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Keating voted no. A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve Ordinance 2018-27 Variance Request – 785 E Old Route 47. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2018-28; 1800 Walden Drive

Mayor stoner ask for Callie Jo McFarland to give council an overview of ordinance 2018-28.

Callie stated that Mark & Benita Baker own a single family residence at 1800 Walden Drive, zoned Suburban Residential. The property currently has a storage shed in the rear yard, but the owners wish to replace the existing shed with a larger shed for more storage capabilities. The proposed shed would be 16' x 24' in size, or 384 sf in area. Monticello Municipal Code Zoning Ordinance limits the size of a storage shed to 200sf, and the owners are requesting a variance to this regulation. The shed would be sided, and placed on a concrete slab. A public hearing notice was published in the May 30, 2018 edition of the Piatt County Journal Republican, and notices were sent via certified mailing to all adjacent property owners, as per state statute. The Planning & Zoning Board held a public hearing at their scheduled meeting on June 18, 2018, where no public comment was made. After discussion, the Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval of this variance, 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. Mayor Stoner ask if there was a motion to wave the second reading of Ordinance 2018-28. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Reed to wave second reading of Ordinance 2018-28. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 4 yes and 3 no votes. Alderman Brown, Alderman Jones, and Alderman Keating voted no. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens and seconded by Alderman Reed to approve Ordinance 2018-28; 1800 Walden Drive. AS voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Resolution 2018-29; Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Oil and Chip Seal Coat)

Mayor Stoner ask for Capital Improvement Project Manager, Brett Baker to give council an overview of the resolution. Baker stated that this resolution officially requests IDOT to appropriate Motor Fuel Tax funds in the specified amount of \$100,000 for our annual seal coat (oil and chip) operations. A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Keating to approve Resolution 2018-29; Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT

Oil and Chip Seal Coat). A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT:

Alderman Clark and Alderman Keating thanked Mr. Diniz for speaking out about the Monticello Aquatic Life Guards salary.

Alderman Keating asked city staff to please look into the parking on the limits on the north side of Subway.

Alderman Brown stated he had met with Terry Summers and Maura Metcalf about the financial analyst. He would let the council know when more info is available.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Monticello Chief of Police, John Carter asked the citizens to be careful and obey parking signs at the July 3rd celebration at Lodge Park.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator, Terry Summers had the following items in his report:

Tax Increment Financing

The Joint Review Board meeting will be held on June 28th, 2018 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.

Police Union Negotiations

The current police union contract is due to expire this year. Negotiations will begin June 26th, 2018.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan