

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

July 9, 2018

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

Alderman Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pastor Josh Bledsoe from Calvary Baptist Church, led the council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Pam Harlan.

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

Absent: John Miller

Also Present: City Administrator, Terry Summers,
Maura Metcalf, Monticello Police Chief, John Carter

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report – Claims dated June 26, 2018 through July 9, 2018
- b) Meeting Minutes:
City Council Meeting Minutes June 25, 2018
- c) Permit Report – June 2018
- d) Treasurer's Report – May 2018

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Stoner reported that the Monticello Farmer's Market is on Thursday, 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Stoner also let the council and citizens know that the "Over the Garden Gate" Garden Walk sponsored by the Piatt County Extension will be Saturday, July 14, from 9am – 2pm. Six gardens from in and around Monticello are participating, including the municipal gardens. Tickets can be bought at various establishments in town. Also Courthouse Rocks, will be Saturday, July 14th in downtown. Opening for Bad Medicine with be Millikin's Rock University All Stars, which is made up of middle school and high school kids, many of which are from Monticello. There will also be a car show up and show off, vendors, and "Coco" on the big screen at sunset. Police Chief Carter will be selling concessions at the movie, with proceeds to benefit the Shop with a Cop program.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayoral appointments:

Planning & Zoning Board:

Shawn Spillman (term expires April 30, 2021)

Amber Goebel (term expires April 30, 2021)

Mayor Stoner ask for a motion from the council to approve these mayoral appointments. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens and seconded by Alderman Keating to approve Shawn Spillman and Amber Goebel to the PZB with terms expiring on April 30, 2021. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Ordinance 2018-30; An Ordinance Amending Time Limit Parking

Mayor Stoner ask City Administrator, Terry Summers to give an overview of the ordinance to the council. Summers stated that there are four parking spaces that are on West Livingston Street between Market and Charter that currently do not have time limitations. Snow and ice removal operations are difficult to perform with vehicles continuously occupying these spots and the adjacent business owner has expressed a desire to have these parking spaces reduced to two hour time limit parking. Establishing time limit parking by amending the Municipal Code requires City Council approval in the form of an Ordinance. Upon Council approval, the appropriate signage will be installed and then parking enforcement can begin by the Police Department. Schedule III (B), Time Limit Parking – 2 Hours, shall be amended to reflect the addition of this time limited parking. Mayor Stoner ask the council if there was a motion to wave the second reading of Ordinance 2018-30. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Reed to wave second reading of Ordinance 2018-30. A voice vote was taken and the motion was denied do to 3 yes and 4 no votes. Alderman Brown, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Sebens, and Alderman Keating all voted no. This ordinance will be considered at the next council meeting on July 23, 2018.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT:

Alderman Brown inquired about refinancing some of the city's bonds. Summers informed Brown that the earliest this can be done is late 2019. Alderman Brown and Alderman Keating would like Kings Financial to present information on the refinancing of the bonds. Alderman Brown is still currently working on getting info in regards to Financial Analyst. Alderman Brock stated that in his ward parking on both sides of Prairie Lane is becoming a problem and several citizens have brought this to his attention. Brock also let the council know that there is a lot of negative social media regarding the waste haulers contract. It is being said

on social media that the city is forcing Young's Disposal out of business. Alderman Brock also let the council know he is interested in starting talks about selling the 30 acres of land that was purchased for the Recreation Park. He stated that the money could be used for city improvements.

Alderman Jones added that he had seen the social media posts about Young's Disposal.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Carter reported that he had attended a meeting with the area Police Departments and other organizations to discuss Domestic Violence and the new laws pertaining to Domestic Violence. Carter also let the council know that July 3, 2018 went very well.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

Residential Waste Hauling

As previously discussed at the March 26, 2018 City Council meeting, following three prior discussion only meetings regarding residential waste hauling, I will be presenting the revised Request for Proposal documents for City Council review at the July 23rd City Council meeting.

Market Street / Washington Street Pedestrian Crossing and Streetscape Project

The Environmental Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) was submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation in October of last year, and approval was not received until last month. The review has caused the construction of these improvements to occur in 2019. The intent at this time is for Council to approve the construction documents and construction engineering by way of Resolution in September and award the contract by the end of 2018 for construction in 2019.

Bond Interest Rates

Staff contacted our financial consultant, Tim King with Kings Financial Consulting, to discuss Alderman Brown's concerns from the annual audit that was presented at the last City Council meeting. In short, the bond refinancing is not allowed prior to the call date. The earliest call date the City will witness will occur in late 2019. Our consulting firm continuously monitors our bonds and has offered to speak to the Council if you so desire. Research shows that the bond interest rates have been reflected the same in each of the five previous audit reports.

Planning and Zoning Board, July 16, 2018

The owner of property located at 435 South State Street has submitted an application for a variance to the separation requirements for an accessory structure from the main structure and a reducing the rear yard setback for an accessory structure. The Planning and Zoning Board will conduct the required public hearing and their recommendation is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the City Council at the July 23, 2018 City Council meeting.

Bridge Street Resurfacing (Marion Street)

Staff will be meeting with the design engineers and representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation to discuss any opportunity to add Marion Street resurfacing from Market Street (IL Rte. 105) to Piatt Street within this contract utilizing Motor Fuel Tax and Federal funds.

Valentine vs City of Monticello

The attorney representing the plaintiff was granted time to file a motion to compel discovery. The judge has scheduled a hearing in August, 2018 on motions to compel discovery or dismiss discover.

Landreth & Golias vs City of Monticello

This case has been reassigned to a different judge. The judge has requested a conference call with the attorneys.

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