

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

September 24, 2018

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

Alderman Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk, Pam Harlan.

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

Also Present: City Administrator, Terry Summers, Jim Grabarczyk,
Maura Metcalf, Brett Baker, Monticello Police Chief,
John Carter

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Steve Shreffler addressed the council in regards to some of the conversations he had heard lately at the council meetings. He stated he has cause for concern about the discussions about the Financial Advisor. He feels the Financial Advisor would be a good choice. He stated that the Financial Advisor would research the cost of living compared to the raises that are given to city employees each year. He also had concerns that city employees had taken 88 days to complete the Stoddard Court project. Can the city justify this expense?

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report – Claims dated September 11, 2018 through September 24, 2018
- b) Meeting Minutes:
City Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018
- c) Budget Report – August 2018
- d) Fire Report – August 2018

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens and seconded by Alderman Brock 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 two new businesses were scheduled to open in the near future. The new businesses are Hartfield Book Company, and Soap Bubble. Mayor Stoner reminded the citizens that the Annual City-Wide Food Drive is September 28, 2018. Stoner also reported that the Monticello Recreation Foundation's Ride for Recreation is Saturday September 29, 2018 beginning at 8am, and Saturday, October 6, 2018 is Wade's 5K for 5P at Lodge Park.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Chamber of Commerce Budgetary Presentation

Kyle Koester and Chamber Director, Denise Flaar were present to update the council on the Chamber's Funding Request. They informed the council that their budget has two entities, Chamber and Tourism. The requests for support will be two sections. The Chamber has 178 members. The Chamber's Revenue Structure is Member Services 35%, City Support 31%, and Special Events 34%. The Chamber's Expense Structure is Special Event's 17%, Member Services 11%, Marketing 22%, and Fixed Overhead 50%. The Chamber is asking for \$13,500.00 for Chamber Financial and \$19,500.00 for Tourism Financial Support.

Monticello Main Street Budgetary Presentation

Monticello Main Street Director, Stephanie McLeese and President of Monticello Main Street, Samantha Koon were present to update the council on Main Street's funding requests. They informed the council that they are asking for \$30,000.00 for Main Street and \$15,000.00 for the façade grants. These are both increases from last year. Stephanie McLeese let the council know that Main Street needs to step up their game and their administration costs. They need new software and hardware to do this. Main Street is still using hand written notes. McLeese stated that to use their volunteers to their full capacity Main Street needs software to do this.

Ordinance 2018-38: Intergovernmental Agreement With The Illinois Department Of Transportation

Mayor Stoner ask City Administrator, Terry Summers to give an overview of the ordinance to council. Summers stated that this ordinance creates an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Monticello and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the design and possible future installation of the City owned and operated sanitary sewer and watermain from their current termini to the IDOT Maintenance facility located at 676 East Old Route 47. As you may recall, this project was initiated by IDOT, discussed by City Staff and City Council in 2017. City Council approved a budget amount of \$60,000 for the preliminary engineering in FY2018 with the understanding that IDOT will be reimbursing the City \$30,000. Mayor Stoner ask if there was a motion to waive second reading of Ordinance 2018-38. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Reed to waive second reading of Ordinance 2018-38. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 5 yes and 1 no vote. Alderman Brown voted no. A motion was made by Alderman Reed and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve Ordinance 2018-38: Intergovernmental Agreement With The Illinois Department Of Transportation. A voiced vote was taken and the motion carried with 5 yes and 1 no vote. Alderman Brown voted no.

Resolution 2018-39: Resolution For Maintenance Under The Illinois Highway Code

Mayor Stoner ask Capital Improvement Project Manager, Brett Baker to give the council an overview of the resolution. Baker stated that this resolution is required by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This resolution officially requests IDOT to appropriate Motor Fuel Tax funds in the specified amount of \$160,000 for paving of the Bike Path from County Farm Road to Applewood Drive. Alderman Brown inquired to if asphalt had been considered. Baker stated they had only considered concrete. City Administrator, Terry Summers stated that the other bike path had asphalt because they were able to get the equipment on that bike path. The bike path that is being paved is under a natural canopy and this canopy would have to be removed to use asphalt. Alderman Brown called out City Clerk, Pamela Harlan for speaking loudly enough that Alderman Brown heard her during the meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens to approve Resolution 2018-39: Resolution For Maintenance Under The Illinois Highway Code. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote. Alderman Brown voted no.

Resolution 2018-40: Resolution Establishing Estimate Of Tax Levy

Mayor Stoner ask City Administrator, Terry Summers to give and overview of the resolution. Summers stated that last year during budget discussions some Aldermen inquired about a variety of different property tax rate increases. Summer's presented projected property tax revenues that would be anticipated based upon different percentage increases. Truth in Taxation laws will need to be adhered to if the City Council desires to increase the property tax rate more than 105% of the previous fiscal year. The estimate of levy must be approved at the September 24th, 2018 City Council meeting in order to meet the Truth in Taxation publication notification and public hearing requirements for the 2019 fiscal year. The October 9th City Council meeting was originally planned for this discussion and estimate of levy, but unfortunately that will not suffice for the time required for publication prior to public hearing. Summers stated that this resolution is presented with blanks. Alderman Brown ask if everyone received the revenue information that they are about to discuss. Alderman Brown, Alderwoman Sebens, and Alderman Clark did not receive the revenue information prior to the meeting. Copies were distributed to the council at the meeting. The information will be included as an attachment to these minutes. Alderman Brown stated that budget discussions need to start earlier so we know how much money we need to complete some of the projects, not just ask for a bunch of money not knowing why we ask for it. Alderman Miller said that even 25.00% will not even begin to replace what the state is no longer giving the city. Mayor Stoner stated that since the information was not given to all the Alderman before the meeting to discuss this is a mute point. Mayor Stoner told the council that this resolution will be taken off the table and the tax levy will be discussed later.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT:

Alderman Brown inquired about when Stoddard Court will be done. City Administrator, Terry Summers stated it is getting very close.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Monticello Police Chief, John Carter reported that Washington School will be having their relocation drill this week so if you are in the area be patient. Also Chief Carter wanted everyone to know that during Monticellobration the police department will be doing car seat checks.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

Waste Hauler Request for Proposal (RFP)

Advanced Disposal, Area Disposal, Republic Services and Young's Disposal all turned in their respective proposals by the deadline and the committee reviewed them on September 17th. Any recommendation to the City Council will occur on October 22nd, and if any contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded on November 13th, with a contract start date of January 1, 2019.

Stoddard Court

The contractor is tentatively scheduled to seal coat the subgrade sometime near the beginning of next week (weather permitting). Our public works department will finish grade all of the disturbed areas soon thereafter and seed accordingly.

Business District Consultant

As requested by some of the Aldermen, we have scheduled one of the consultants to present general business district information to the City Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 9th.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Miller @ 7:58 p.m. to go into Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). An all-in favor vote was taken and the motion carried with all being in favor.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn Closed Session – 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) @ 8:30 pm. An all-in favor vote was taken and the motion carried with all being in favor.

A motion was made by Alderman Miller and seconded by Alderman Brock to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan

