

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 2019

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

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Rich Ratts of Crossroads Church led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tammy Sebens, Pam Harlan, Tom Reed, John Miller, Wendall Brock, John Frerichs (after being sworn in), Rodney Burris (after being sworn in)

Absent: Joe Brown, Jeremy Jones, Ian Clark

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Jim Grabarczyk, Public Works Director; Maura Metcalf, Finance Director/Human Resources; Callie McFarland, Community Development Director; John Carter, Chief of Police; Derke Price, Ancel Glink

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Claims Report (claims dated April 23, 2019 through May 12, 2019)
- b) Meeting Minutes –City Council Meeting Minutes April 22, 2019; April 22 City Council Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- c) Police Report – April 2019
- d) Permit Report – April 2019

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Miller, 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 read the proclamation for National Police Week, and acknowledged the Police Officers/Law Enforcement present, thanking them for their public service. In Business News, Yoga

Off the Square has found a permanent location at 208 W Washington. The Ribbon Cutting for a new business, Mindful Beginnings, will be May 18 at 11am, with a grand opening celebration from 11-2pm. The Mayor congratulated Pete and Diana McPheeters, who have owned and operated the East End Tavern for 30 years. Upcoming events in Monticello include the Lions Club Fish Fries, which begin this Friday, May Steam Weekend this Saturday and Sunday, and the Spring Soiree Fundraiser at Allerton this Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

SWEARING-IN OF NEW OFFICIALS:

The following City Council members were sworn in by City Clerk Jill Potts:

Rodney Burris, Tom Reed, Tammy Sebens, Pam Harlan, John Frerichs.

Following the swearing-in, the new members joined the Council and completed the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayoral Appointments:

- 1) Planning & Zoning Board – Marthaan Riegel (5 yr term expires April, 2024)
- 2) Historic Preservation – Ryan Tracy, Keddy Hutson, Maynard Suhre (3 yr term expires April, 2022); Chad Johnson (Vacant term expiring 2021)
- 3) Fire & Police Commission – Jenna Whetstone-Branch (3 yr term expires April, 2022)
- 4) Monticello Fire Department Volunteer Fire Fighter – Cody Fitzsimmons
- 5) Police Pension Board – Kelly Finet (1 yr term expires April 30, 2020)

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Miller, to accept the Mayoral Appointments listed above. The motion carried with all present voting yes.

Derke Price, City Attorney, reviewed roles and responsibilities for incoming Council Members. He covered the Open Meetings Act, and reminded newly elected and appointed officials that they must take the OMA training within 90 days of taking office. Attorney Price also reviewed Executive Session, Freedom of Information Act, and Public Access Counselor Review.

Resolution 2019-25: Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Oil and Chip Seal Coat)

Terry Summers explained 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 \$100,000 for our annual seal coat (oil and chip) operations.

There were no questions from Council, and a motion was made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve Ordinance 2019-25: MFT Oil and Chip Seal Coat. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

Monticello Business District Plan – Discussion Only

Terry Summers led the discussion, stating that this is the first of many discussions regarding the Business District Plan. January 1, 2020 is the anticipated implementation date. This first discussion is focusing on the preliminary boundaries of the district. Mr. Summers reviewed the district boundaries on an overhead map, indicating the specific street boundaries and the businesses included. Alderman Miller would like to call this the Downtown Business District Plan, as it does not include businesses outside of the downtown area. Mr. Summers stated that the name at this point is not an official name and will be more detailed later. He also reminded the Council that this does not mean that businesses outside the district will not get needed money/projects completed, but that this will relieve the General Fund by generating money that can be used for projects within the District. Alderman Burris questioned why car lots are not included. Car sales cannot be taxed, only parts. Because one car dealership is not in the district, in an effort to be fair, all car lots will be excluded. After further discussion regarding the exclusion of grocery store and pharmacies, the Mayor asked if the Council was in favor of this preliminary boundary, with all members agreeing that they were.

ALDERMAN’S REPORT:

Both of the new council members stated they are happy to be serving, and the Aldermen and Alderwomen welcomed them and stated they look forward to working with the new members.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Carter reports that the last Drug Take Back hosted by MPD brought in 134 lbs of medication.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Jill Potts
City Clerk