

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

December 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Harlan at 7 p.m., who asked the council for a motion to appoint an interim Mayor in Mayor Corrie's absence. A motion to appoint Alderman Hayes was made by Vince Kuetemeyer and seconded by Larry Stoner. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all voting yes.

Alderman Hayes led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Larry Stoner, Wendall Brock, Michael Brown, Kevin Hiller
Lyle Murdock, Tim Hayes, John Miller, Vince Kuetemeyer

Also Present: Supt. Alsop, Callie McFarland

CONSENT AGENDA:

2.1 Approval of Documents and Action Items as Listed:

- 2.1.1 Claims Report – Claims dated Nov 25, 2013 thru Dec 9, 2013
- 2.1.2 Treasurer's Report – October 2013
- 2.1.3 Meeting Minutes
 - 2.1.3.1 City Council Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2013
 - 2.1.3.2 City Council Meeting of the Whole – October 28, 2013
- 2.1.4 Police Report – November, 2013
- 2.1.5 Building Permit Report – November 2013

A motion was made by Kevin Hiller and seconded by John Lyle Murdock to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and all voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYORS REPORT: Alder Hayes started by wishing the city of Monticello a Merry Christmas. He reported that the Santa on the Train event was very successful and over 2000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches had been made for the event. Mr. Hayes encouraged the citizens to get out to the Blood Drive on Dec 11th at Kirby Hospital from 12-6 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mike Holtz wanted the citizens of Monticello and the council to know that Supt. Allsop's apology for using bad language during a meeting with public works employee's was not sincere. He also stated that Mr. Allsop is clueless about labor laws and he only manages by intimidation. Mr. Brown asked the council why they don't make Mr. Allsop act respectful. He finished his time of public participation with the comment that it is "time for a new superintendent". Joe Brown addressed the council and the citizens about a meeting the council held in Mt. Zion. He states that this was a violation of the OMA. Mr. Brown reports that the city public works employees feel they can't go to the mayor or alderman with concerns. He also had a concern that the city spent \$39,000 on drainage tiles. He stated if the city watched the spending, maybe we could of kept an employee that was recently laid off.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cancellation of December 23, 2013 City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Vince Kuetemeyer and seconded by John Miller to cancel the December 23, 2013 council meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all voting yes.

Ordinance 2013-64 Annual Tax Levy Approval This ordinance approves the annual tax levy in the amount of \$547,780 for Fiscal Year January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014. A motion was made by Larry Stoner and seconded by Wendall Brock to approve Ordinance 2013 – 64. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all voting yes.

Ordinance 2013-65 Special Service Area #2 Tax Levy Approval This ordinance approves SSA #2 tax levy for Appletree Subdivision in the amount of .50%. Revenue from the SSA tax is applied towards the cost of extending sanitary sewer infrastructure to the subdivision in year 2000. A motion was made by Michael Brown and seconded by Lyle Murdock to approve ordinance 2013-65. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all voting yes.

Ordinance 2013-66 Water Rate Adjustment This ordinance increases the water rates 4% annually effective January 1, 2014 A motion was made by Lyle Murdock and seconded by Larry Stoner to approve ordinance 2013-66. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all voting yes.

Ordinance 2013-67 Amendment of Titles 1, 3 & 11 of the Municipal Code. This ordinance adjusts the Municipal Code and brings it in line with current practices and States statutes. A motion was made by Michael Brown and seconded by Kevin Hiller to approve ordinance 2013-67. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all voting yes.

Ordinance 2013-68 Acceptance of the Recreation Master Plan Prepared by Land Tech Design This ordinance accepts the Recreation Master Plan. A motion was made by Larry Stoner and

seconded by Lyle Murdock to approve ordinance 2013-67. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all voting yes.

ALDERMAN'S REPORT:

Alderman Stoner reported the Monticello Fire Dept has been doing some mercer video training. Alderman Murdock reported that there had been a water main break on Bond and State and the public works have been out on several JULIE calls. Alderman Brown reported that the WWTP had repaired a bar screen and was also cleaning sand filters.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Police Chief reported that the Monticello Christmas Parade was a great success and he really enjoyed his first Monticello Parade.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Allsop had city employee Abe Jones give a report on the system of cleaning sewer lines. This system is run primarily by Bart Baker and Kevin Rose of the public works dept. The city has instituted a regular line maintenance program to effectively clean all the sewer lines and keep up a rotation to make sure all lines are done. The Jet Vactor truck is beneficial in this program.

A motion was made by Wendall Brock, and seconded by Kevin Hiller to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan
City Clerk