

## **MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL**

**October 15, 2019**

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

Mayor Stoner led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Josh Bledsoe, of Calvary Baptist Church, led the Council in prayer.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Jill Potts.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Tammy Sebens, Pam Harlan, John Frerichs, Wendall Brock, Mike Koon

Absent: Jeremy Jones, Rodney Burris, Tom Reed

Also Present: Terry Summers, City Administrator; Maura Metcalf, Finance/HR, Chief John Carter, MPD

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Claims Report (Claims dated September 24, 2019 through October 15, 2019)
- b) Meeting Minutes –City Council Meeting Minutes September 23, 2019
- c) Permit Report – September 30, 2019
- d) Police Report – September 30, 2019

Alderman Frerichs questioned if there were two Scraper/Bucket purchases as it is listed under both Sanitation and Public Works. Maura Metcalf explained there was only one purchase and the cost was split between the two departments as they both use that piece of equipment. Alderman Brock questioned the IEPA expense for Tract 8 under General Fund, and asked if we are close to being done with Tract 8. Terry Summers explained that a bid opening was held 10.10.19, and that the City received 3 bids. Our Engineers are currently doing background research on the low bidder. Alderman Brock verified the Tract 8 expenses will all be reimbursed. A motion was made by Alderman Frerichs, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all present voting yes.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The following was reported by the Mayor:

Hedgerow Pottery Studio has joined forces with Catalyst Creative Studio, and will be opening up a pottery studio inside the location at 818 S Market St – both Catalyst and Hedgerow went through the Bootcamp Program. The City is partnering with Cub Scout Pack 122 for the annual food drive, this Saturday, October 19, 2019. Council is encouraged to help promote and pick up donations.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2019-57: An Ordinance Leasing 315 East Center Street to A Small Hand – Piatt County Cares, Inc.**

Terry Summers gave an overview of Ordinance 2019-57:

The City of Monticello purchased this property commonly known as 315 East Center Street in 2014 for \$90,000 in anticipation of improvements being made to the building currently occupied by the police and volunteer fire department. The structure has been unoccupied since the purchase and the proposed improvements to the police and fire department are not anticipated to occur in the near future. A Small Hand – Piatt County Cares, Inc. recently approached city staff with an interest in leasing the property and operating out of the building. A Small Hand- Piatt County Cares, Inc. is a non-profit diaper, infant needs and food pantry serving Piatt County citizens in need. They provide approximately 1,500 to 2,000 diapers per week to at risk infants. Their food pantry opened in February 2019 and has served almost 1,000 individuals, approximately ½ that number are children. They collaborate with many different agencies to ensure assistance to foster parents, teachers, and doctors. Piatt County Cares is the portion of their programming which seeks to solve complex social and poverty issues in new and innovative ways. The lease will be contingent upon Planning and Zoning Board and City Council action in granting a variance to allow this use in an RD-urban residential zone.

Mayor Stoner stated that this property has been sitting empty, and that he feels this is a good fit as Piatt County Cares is a worthy cause. Alderman Brock questioned the amount we are leasing the building for, and Terry Summers stated they will pay no rent, only utilities and will maintain the property. The lease is a two-year lease. The City has plans to trim trees and complete some gutter work at the house. Alderman Frerichs asked if the City will continue to carry the debt service, and Mr. Summers answered that we own the property outright. Alderman Koon questioned if this will go before PZB this month, and Mr. Summers stated it will be on the PZB agenda in November. The hours of the program at this location will be Fridays and as needed.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sebens, and seconded by Alderman Koon, to waive the second reading of Resolution 2019-57. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderwoman Sebens, to approve Resolution 2019-57. The motion passed 5-0.

**ALDERMEN'S REPORT:**

Alderwoman Sebens encouraged everyone to attend the home football game Friday night and participate in the pork chop fundraiser. Proceeds will go to the Toni Bargman scholarship. Alderman Koon reported he handed out food drive bags last weekend in Walden Pond and Jefferson Grove, and encouraged volunteering this Saturday at the food drive.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Carter informed the Council that the Haunted House opens this weekend at the gold shed next to MPD.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Terry Summers handed out a memorandum regarding upcoming budget discussions, and reviewed the schedule for study sessions.

Alderman Koon questioned if the Recreation Foundation is returning to a meeting as planned in November, and assured this would be ok with budget going on as well – Mr. Summers said that it would be fine. Alderman Brock asked if the surface work on Marion would be complete this year. Terry Summers replied that it should be, and that if necessary, Bridge St resurfacing would wait until the Spring.

A motion was made by Alderman Brock, and seconded by Alderman Frerichs, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Potts  
City Clerk