

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

January 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Corrie at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Corrie led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joe Brown addressed the council with reference to the City Supt., spending 91.00 on dinner in Chicago at a recent conference. He told the council that if they approve these expenses they agree with them.

Maureen Holtz continued with the subject of the amount of money that was expensed at this conference in Chicago. Three people attended this conference at the cities expense using tax payer funds to attend. She pointed out they stayed an extra night by going up the day before the conference began and also informed the council that a \$300.00 meal was expensed. She ask the council to consider a per diem for travels by the city staff.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1 Approval of Documents and Action Items as Listed:

- 3.1.1 Claims Report – Claims dated Dec 10, 2013 thru Jan 13, 2014
- 3.1.2 Budget Report – November 30, 2013
- 3.1.3 Building Permit Report – Calendar Year 2013 Summary Report
- 3.1.4 City Council Meeting Minutes – Nov. 12, 2013, Nov. 25, 2013, Dec. 09, 2013
- 3.1.5 Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2013

A motion was made by Tim Hayes and seconded by Larry Stoner to approve the Consent Agenda items. A voice vote was taken and all voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Corrie reported that the public works did a great job with snow removal and water main breaks. He asked Supt. Allsop to have staff prepare a report of travel over the past several years, so the council could see the expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 201 – 01- Municipal Account (s) Electricity Agreement

The city currently purchases electricity from Integrys Energy. The 36-month purchase agreement with Integrys expires in February. The city is required to notify Integrys 30 days in advance if we have no desire to (automatically) continue purchasing electricity from them. The council and city staff utilized the services of Good Energy to solicit quotes for the purchase of electricity. Good Energy will provide 2 or 3 quotes from suppliers and Integrys will provide a renewal quote. To approve this resolution would allow the mayor to enter into an agreement with the company providing the favorable quote at a determined term. A motion was made by Larry Stoner and seconded by Tim Hayes to approve Resolution 2014 -01 Municipal Account(s) Electricity Agreement. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried with all voting yes.

Fire Department New Volunteer Firefighter Appointments

The fire department currently has two vacancies and would like to consider filling them with Mark Mackey and Cole Hunt. Both candidates are residents and were interviewed and approved by the department. A motion was made by Larry Stoner and seconded by Lyle Murdock to appoint the two new firefighters. A voice vote was taken and motion carried with all voting yes.

Bond Rating Adjustment:

Tim King made a presentation to the council on the City of Monticello's bond rating. The bond rate increased due to how the city handles our finances. This doesn't have any impact on our existing pool and tower bonds; however, it will help with any future financing the council may wish to consider. It makes a very positive statement to the community on how we operate. The rating went from an A plus to AA-.

FOIA Email Address Adjustment

Two new email addresses have been created to handle FOIA requests more efficiently:

FOIAPD@cityofmonticello.net for police related FOIA requests

FOIA@cityofmonticello.net for all other FOIA requests

ALDERMAN'S REPORT:

Alderman Hayes reported that a different kind of community recreation booklet will be distributed this year. It should come out in mid March and it will contain community events, as well as Chamber of Commerce events. February 3rd – 14 is summer recreation ball sign up. Alderman Brown reported that ice is a really difficult to work with at the WWTP. Alderman

Miller also gave kudos to the public works for great job doing snow removal. Alderman Murdock gave a shout out to Gary Sebens on his snow removal plan and he complimented the new council room remodel. Alderman Brock gave a shout out to the new chief and how he has made a great transition into his new position.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Allsop reported that he thought the Urbana to Kickapoo bike trail would never become a reality but it has. He is very excited to keep developing the bike paths here in our city. He was really excited about the new bond rating and it is good news for the city. He reported that the budget extra meeting will be discussed at the next meeting. Budgets are not required to be approved until end of first quarter.

A motion was made by Tim Hayes, and seconded by John Miller to go into Closed Session – Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), roll call vote was taken and all voted yes.

A motion was made by Larry Stoner, seconded by Tim Hayes to adjourn Closed Session at 9:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Tim Hayes, and seconded by Wendall Brock to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pamela Harlan
City Clerk