

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2012

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of February 13, 2012 held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 7:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Corrie
Deputy Clerk McFarland

Alderman: Eades
Mitze
Murdock
Cummings
Brown
Hiller
Hayes
Kuetemeyer
Student Advisor: Hixson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clerk Dubson

Mayor Corrie led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Eades made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hayes to approve the Claims Report of February 13, 2012; Study Session Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2011; City Council Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2011; City Council Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2011; City Council Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2012; Budget Report of January 31, 2012; and the Building Permit Report for January, 2012. A note was made to correct an address listed in the Building Permit Report for January, 2012. Motion passed.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Corrie reported that the annual Chocolate Fantasy event the previous weekend was a success and the downtown merchants were pleased with the turnout. He mentioned that he will be part of a monthly radio program on WHOW out of Clinton, and requests from the Aldermen suggestions of topics to discuss.

In old business, Aldermen Kuetemeyer made several suggestions of criteria for the board members of the proposed recreation foundation. The question was raised whether to consider the creation of a park district separate from the City of Monticello and it was suggested this would be discussed at a future council study session. Several aldermen reiterated that the purpose of the foundation board was solely for the purpose of fundraising, not dictation to or creation of MPRD administration or programs. Mayor Corrie requested the Aldermen provide a list of potential board members, as well as thoughts regarding a mission statement for the foundation.

There was no public participation.

There was no new business.

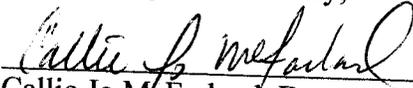
Student Advisor Hixson reported that the upcoming Friday is Career Day at the High School.

The junior class took the ACT the previous Saturday, with hopes of raising the score of the school average. The upcoming Friday is also senior night at the boys' basketball game. The wrestling team has three members going to state, and the cheerleading team placed 14th out of 47 teams at the state competition. The MHS Pops concert will be February 16th, and the spring musical tickets are being pre-sold. Alderman Mitze reported he receives comments from citizens regarding the need of a stoplight at the Market St./Marion Street intersection. Superintendent Allsop said that IDOT has looked at the intersection and at this time the engineers found the intersection did not warrant a stoplight. He also mentioned that the recent restructuring of the intersection did help considerably. Alderman Murdock reported that the water plant processed 18 million gallons less in 2011 than in 2010. Efforts towards identifying and eliminating water leaks, as well as the new billing structure causing more awareness by consumers can be attributed to this reduction. Alderman Cummings reported that the public works department has been performing maintenance on lift stations, as well as installing lighting, signage, a fence at the MFAC, and cleaning the ditch behind the waste water treatment facility and hauling mulch. Alderman Brown said after 2 inches of rain, the waste water treatment facility treated 1.4 million gallons of water, up from 544,000 gallons. Otherwise, the plant operators have been performing maintenance and getting the generator serviced. Alderman Hiller reminded that the Chamber lunch would be February 21st, and there will be a ribbon cutting for the Vintage Butterfly business on February 23rd. Alderman Hayes reported on ongoing recreation MPRD programs including Zumba, adult volleyball, Strong for Life, and the Coffee Crowd for seniors. Registration is currently going on for spring/summer youth ball leagues, make it/ take it craft days are coming up, and there will be a Scovill Mobile Zoo day on February 20th at the Livingston Center.

Superintendent Allsop reported that Fire Chief Dubson informed him that the City will be getting an ISO inspection this year to determine the fire rating. The City's ISO rating currently is 5 and the goal is to maintain this rating as it would be near impossible to lower it without the addition of a ladder truck, among other improvements. It has been 10 years since the last ISO inspection. There will be a Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, February 22nd for the purpose of reviewing and making a recommendation to Council regarding the proposed Carriage Crossing project. The Planning Commission will make decisions on the preliminary plat for creation of two lots, as well as a conditional use request by the petitioner to operate an assisted living facility within an IC, Planned Industrial/Commercial zone. The Council will then vote on the preliminary plan, final plat and conditional use request relevant to the project. All development agreements are between the petitioner and the landowner, Kirby Hospital. The City could possibly help with a CDAP grant for infrastructure benefiting future development of that area. The project would be a \$9 million dollar taxable project, and would create approximately 40 jobs. Mr. Allsop anticipates an update on the downtown building self-inspection process at the next study session.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Mitze to adjourn at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Callie Jo McFarland, Deputy Clerk, City of Monticello