

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2012

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of March 12, 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 Cummings to approve the Claims Report of March 12, 2012, Building Permit Report of February, 2012, City Council Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2012, and the Budget Report of February 29, 2012. Motion passed.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Corrie reported that the landscape waste facility is now open daily from 9:00am to sunset. Residents can drop off landscape waste in designated areas. He reminded that this site is heavily monitored by the EPA and abuse of the facility may result in closure. If users are caught abusing the facility, they are subject to fines. Mayor Corrie also stated that 2012 is the 175th year for Monticello and encouraged residents to look forward to events promoting our community.

In old business, Aldermen Brown asked for an update of Channel 2. Ms. McFarland reported that the City is still waiting for additional equipment to complete the upgrade of the system, and hopes it will be back online soon.

In public participation, David Monk reported that two DNR teams evaluated approximately 1 ½ miles of the prairie terrain. A portion of the prairie was also burned for IDOT.

In new business, Jay Bullock and Donna McClure presented on behalf of the Piatt County Museum. The museum would like to request the City's assistance in the engineering required and installation of the water and sanitary sewer lines to the new museum site. The museum currently has a metal building that will have electricity soon. The immediate goal is to get the metal building online. The long-term goal is to construct a replica barn that will be similar in appearance to the beef barn that the museum recently sold, and eventually use this barn as a

primary facility. Mayor Corrie said that the City Staff would review their request and potential options, and report back to the Council with their findings.

Pat Gleason presented on behalf of the Monticello Main Street organization. Mr. Gleason reviewed the organization's past initiatives, and fiscal year 2011 highlights which included an increase in sponsorships, memberships, and earnings. Future goals of the organization include starting a young professionals group, events such as Wine Down Fridays, marketing of vacant buildings by the BRAD committee, and lighting on State Street. Alderman Cummings asked if Main Street would help the City in promotion of and participation in the building inspection program centered on the downtown district. The Monticello Main Street organization is requesting the same amount of financial support from the city as the previous year, \$17,500.

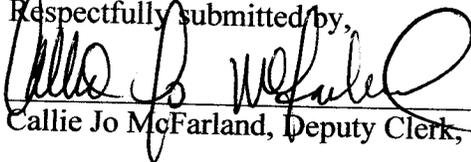
Due to pending details involving the Recreation Foundation bi-laws and potential board members, Mayor Corrie removed discussion of these items from the agenda.

Alderman Hayes reported upcoming and ongoing MPRD programs, including Bingo, Senior Coffee Crowd, ZUMBA, adult volleyball, the Make it/ Take it craft, Easter coloring contest, the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st at Burke Park, and a Babysitting Clinic. Volunteer head coaches are still needed for summer youth softball and little league teams. Alderman Murdock reported that the water department had 2 water main breaks, performed maintenance on the water plant including painting the floors, and put over 14 million gallons of finished water in the system. Alderman Eades said the fire department has been busy with budget preparation and responding to dispatched calls. Student Advisor Hixson reported that the 4th quarter has begun, with spring break beginning next week. Softball and baseball games are going on, and the final indoor track meets are this week. The high school musical sold out all 4 shows.

Superintendent Allsop reported that the public works department has been busy replacing stop signs and picking up tree debris from the high winds. The public works department has also been working on a drainage project by the east bike path, an inflow pump and valve replacement at the wastewater treatment facility, patching potholes, constructing a retaining wall by the swimming pool, and siren maintenance. The city is also making preparations for two water main replacement projects this spring that span the length of one block.

With no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Mitze to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by,


Callie Jo McFarland, Deputy Clerk, City of Monticello