

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF July 9, 2012

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of July 9, 2012 held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 7:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor: Corrie
Alderman: Murdock
Kuetemeyer
Hayes
Brown
Mitze
Cummings
Clerk: Harlan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alderman: Hiller
Eades

Mayor Corrie led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Mitze and seconded by Alderman Hayes to approve Claims Report dated July 5, 2012, Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2012, and City Council Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

In the Mayor's report Mayor Corrie reported that the 175th Celebration of the City of Monticello was a success. He commended Callie McFarland and Sue Gortner on the success. Mayor Corrie also thanked the city staff for all the extra work that was put in to honor our city on this special day.

There was no Old Business.

In Public Participation Administrator and parents at Monticello's Metamorphosis Montessori School are urging the city to amend its animal ordinance to allow them to keep two sheep that have been housed at the school since spring. Cody Santantonio, administrator of the school informed the council that Montessori uses animals as part of the curriculum, so children learn caring, responsibility, and love while tending to the sheep's care. The Monticello city codes do not allow live swine, sheep, goats, or cattle within the city limits. When the city was informed there was sheep at Montessori, they told the school the sheep had to go. Speaking as a friend of the school, Michael Doerr asked the council to consider amending the ordinance, and also to allow the sheep to stay until the Council made a firm decision. Mr. Doerr pointed out some inconsistencies in the ordinance and he hoped it could be amended to allow two sheep for educational purposes. Administrator Santantonio said the school has had goats at different times in the school's 31 year history in Monticello. She thought she was following the ordinance do to

exceptions for educational institutions. The exception only applied to dangerous animals not livestock.

The first item of new business was Ordinance 2012-26 An Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement by and between The City of Monticello and Kelly Finet (D/B/A "Kelly's Accounting Service"). Monticello Tax Increment Financing District II Adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois, on the 9th day of July, 2012. A motion was made by Alderman Hayes and seconded by Alderman Mitze to approve Ordinance 2012-26. Motion carried with 5 yes votes, Alderman Cummings abstained from the vote.

The second item of new business was Ordinance 2012-27 Establishing Park Closing Hours. There are signs posted at Burke Park and Nick's Park that state no trespassing from 10p.m. – 6a.m. Since it gets daylight at 5a.m. the new hours will be 10p.m. – 5a.m. A motion was made by Alderman Hayes and seconded by Alderman Murdock to approve Ordinance 2012-27 Establishing Park Closing Hours. Motion carried unanimously.

The third item of new business was Resolution 2012-28 Annual MFT Oil and Chip Contract Award. This resolution awards the contract to Illiana Construction. A motion was made by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Cummings to approve Resolution 2012-28. Motion carried unanimously.

During the Alderman reports Alderman Mitze would like to see the City investigate getting electricity at a good price for the residents. Supt. Allsop let the Council know that he has a meeting set up with Integrys and he will report back to the Council at a study session meeting. Alderman Murdock is very interested in the information that Supt Allsop will present from Integrys. Alderman Cummings reported that the Middle School project hit some soft spots that will need to be filled in, there was a water leak on Center Street, and the city employees have been working in the heat. Alderman Kuetemeyer did not have a report tonight. Alderman Brown reported that the aerators are not working at the sewer treatment plant. The heat causes a lot of problems for the treatment pond. Alderman Hiller was not present but his report was given by Mayor Corrie. Alderman Hillers report contained information about several upcoming events in the area. The 13th of July will be the Friday night movie event on the square. The movie will be Back To The Future and one of Monticello's residents will bring his Delorian car for display. Alderman Hayes reported that the MFAC is a tremendous asset to our community and that July 23-27 will be recreation soccer sign ups.

During the Supt. Report a discussion was had on Sanitary Sewer Fee Adjustment for Watering Lawns. Alderman Brown and Alderman Murdock suggested we already have a system and it works. Alderman Hayes and Alderman Cummins said it is a choice to water or not to water. Alderman Kuetemeyer reported that either way is fine. Alderman Mitze commented that "why should citizens pay for water that does not go through the sewer." Supt. Allsop brought up an

idea of charging Monticello citizens a \$5.00 a month, Storm Water Fee. Allsop has been doing some research and the City has a way of determining how many parcels each address has. He will present the idea to the Council when the idea can be explained, he is still working thru the details.

The last item on the agenda was the Appointment of City of Monticello Police Chief. Mayor Corrie stated that six candidates had been interviewed and the city came away with a very strong candidate in Michael Galoway. A motion was made by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Mitze to appoint Michael Galoway as City of Monticello Police Chief. Motion carried unanimously. Michael Galoway was introduced to the public and will start work on July 23, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes and seconded by Alderman Murdock to adjourn the meeting 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Harlan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pamela Harlan