

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF August 27, 2012

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of August 27, 2012 held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 7:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor: Corrie
Alderman: Eades
Murdock
Kuetemeyer
Hayes
Hiller
Mitze
Cummings
Clerk: Harlan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alderman: Brown

Mayor Corrie led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Eades, seconded by Alderman Hayes to approve Claims Report dated August 22, 2012, Police Report for July, 2012, Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2012 and July 30, 2012, and Hotel/Motel Tax Report dated April 30, 2012. Motion was approved with six approval votes and Alderman Cummings abstained from voting.

During the Mayor's report Mayor Corrie reported that he has been very encouraged by the general public during this drought. The water usage has been good and the city did not have a water shortage. The mayor also informed the council that the Clinton Landfill has been approved for PCB. Mayor Corrie attended a forum where many representatives from state government were in attendance and told the panel that PCB over a water supply is not safe no matter what engineers say. He encouraged the council and those in attendance to encourage Senator Percy to vote no on this matter.

In old business Alderman Hayes and Alderman Murdock gave a brief update on the information they have been gathering from many different municipalities. They plan to present their findings at the next City Council Study Session.

During Public Participation Mike Wileaver let the council know that the Beautification project that the city supports is a nice compliment to the city of Monticello. Jeannie Kinzel also spoke to the council on behalf of the Beautification project but inquired about the city water bill. Supt. Allsop assured her that the city does pay for water to aid in keeping the plants looking their best. She wanted it to be none she had tried to save a couple of trees, by watering them and was

rewarded a \$300.00 water/sewer bill. Ms. Kinzel was upset and wanted the council to know she was paying her bill under protest.

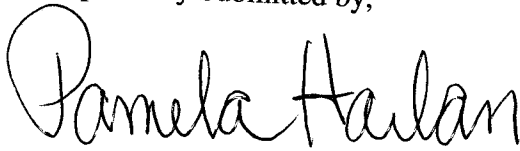
During the Alderman Reports Alderman Eades and Alderman Kuetemeyer did not have anything to report this evening. Alderman Mitze reported that the Chief of Police is doing well in his new duties. The new police report format was looked on favorably by the council. The Monticello Police Dept. will be transitioning into new weapons in the near future. The old weapons will be traded to a dealer when the department transition is complete. Alderman Murdock reported that a report had been received from the EPA and the results were good on the High Street water main. The switch over to the new water lines will now be able to happen, as well as repair work on the street. Alderman Cummings reported that the Hettinger Court street project is almost finished and that the citizens are very excited about the improvement. In the coming weeks the Monticello Firehouse will have 90 yards of concrete work done. Alderman Hiller reported that Monticello Celebration is Sept. 15th and that the week of Sept. 4th, Allerton Park main entrance will open. He encouraged the city to attend some of these wonderful activities. Alderman Hayes informed the council that the MFAC has had 27172 attendees thus far and that June 28, 2012 was the biggest day of the season with 637 in attendance. JFL is under way and the golf driving range is still open.

Supt. Allsop informed the council that he had received a report on how to upgrade safety around the MFAC. Supt. Allsop will review the report and inform the council of the reports suggestions. He also reported that the hotel/motel business was good this past year. The city received an additional 27% this past fiscal year vs. last year.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes and seconded by Alderman Murdock to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

All the Alderman in attendance was treated to a tour of the water treatment plant after the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Pamela Harlan

City Clerk