

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting on September 10, 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 and seconded by Alderman Hayes to approve the Claims Report dated September 6, 2012, and City Council Meeting Minutes dated August 13, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

During the Mayor's Report Mayor Corrie reminded the Council and the citizens that the annual Food Drive is coming up in October. He let the public know that the municipal food pantry is getting very low on supplies. Mayor Corrie added that it was his unfortunate duty to let the Montessori School know that they need to relocate the farm animals.

There was no old business.

During public participation several supporters of Monticello's Metamorphosis Montessori School asked the council to let them keep the two sheep that live at the school. Jessica Whidden, a parent from Montessori wanted to know how many Councilmen had gone to observe the sheep at the school. She also wanted it to be known that Montessori is a school not a high end daycare. James Splitdoser, grandson of School Administrator Cody Santantonio, wanted the council to know that Montessori was a wonderful school with very hands on curriculum. Brian Fulton, a father of a Montessori student told that his daughter's favorite school activity was going in the barnyard to care for the animals. Mr. Fulton asked the council to amend the ordinance to allow livestock for educational purposes. Two different neighbors spoke to the Council in opposition of the ordinance change. They were greatly relieved that the sheep will be removed. Several more Montessori supporters plead their case with the Council, but the council did not change their decision to allow livestock in the city. After the last supporter spoke to the Council, Cody

Santantonio told the Council the sheep would be removed from the Montessori School in a week. Santantonio said, "she knew from the start what the decision would be," she stated," that the council could of fixed the ordinance with just a few tweaks".

During new business Mayor Corrie read a really nice letter from the residences of Hettinger Court thanking the city for the beautiful new street. Terry Summers, the city's engineering technician, was present to present the Hettinger Court Street project to the council. He informed the council that with the Monticello city employees doing the work the project cost around \$68,000. The city saved around \$100,000 with the city crews doing the work. Neighbors that live on Hettinger Court stated that the city crews were very professional and they wanted to compliment the large equipment operator. Summers thanked Ed and Sharon Hettinger for the use of their property for the residence of Hettinger Court to park their. The citizens living on Hettinger Court were without driveway access, no mail at curbside, or garbage pick-up at the curb.

During the Alderman reports Alderman Hayes read a letter from a parent that was very appreciative of Tadpoles swimming lessons, her son had learned some basics that had saved his life. Hayes also informed the council that recreation soccer was in its third week, JFL was going good, and Strong for Life is still going on MWF at the Livingston Center. Alderman Hiller reported that the Monticelebration begins Friday, September 14 and goes through Saturday, September 15, volunteers are still needed. In more upcoming events is the Sage City Invitational September 22, Farmers Market is on Thursdays 3-6p.m., and Monticello Movie Night – Puss in Boots will be shown Saturday, September 22nd. Alderman Cummings reported that the military signs are being constructed, concrete is being poured at the Monticello Police Department, and the city employees have been patch seeding and fertilizing the Hettinger Court Street. Cummings told the council that the City of Monticello is blessed to have such good employees. Alderman Murdock also boasted about the quality of our city employees and their supervisors Gary Sebens and Terry Summers. Murdock also commented on the Tour of the Water Plant that the Alderman went on after the last meeting, and was very impressed with city employee Scott Bailey. Alderman Mitze reported that the CIMOA meeting will be September 20, 2012 at Arthur, IL. Mitze also mentioned that the Police Dept hired a new police officer and she will be attending 12 weeks of training. Alderman Eades reported that the Monticello Fire Department worked on anhydrous shut off training and helicopter landing training. The Fire Department would like to thank the Council for the Gator they received; it was used in a brush fire just recently.

Supt. Allsop reported that he had been out looking for the speed limit signs that were mentioned at an earlier council meeting at MCA. He informed the council that there are not speed limit signs, just children crossing signs.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes and seconded by Alderman Mitze to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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