

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2011

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of April 11, 2011 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: Hutson

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 Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2011, the Building Permit Report of March, 2011, the Claims Report of April 11, 2011, and the Police Report of April 11, 2011. Motion passed.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Corrie reminded that the Monticello Main Street May Market will be held on Saturday, May 7th. He also requested drivers use caution when traveling on I-72 and Illinois State Route 105 from the interstate through Bement, as both roads are undergoing construction.

There was no old business.

There was no public participation.

Ordinance 2011-10; Downtown Parking regulates parking in the downtown area, which the ordinance identifies specifically by street boundaries. This Ordinance accomplishes four tasks: Prohibits on-street parking Mondays and Fridays from 2am to 5am to allow for street sweeping; Prohibits on-street parking 12am to 6am after a 2" snow; Prohibits skateboarders and bicycles on the sidewalk; and eliminates the loading/unloading zones on W. Main Street created by a previous ordinance for the purpose of the Peace Meals operation, which no longer functions out of that location. Signage will be changed throughout the downtown once the Ordinance has been passed. A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Eades, to approve Ordinance 2011-10; Downtown Parking- Motion carried 8-yes, 0-no.

Ordinance 2011-11; City Owned Parking Lots- Parking Regulations addresses the inconsistencies regulating 7 of the City municipal parking lots. The purpose of the municipal lots is to provide perimeter parking to business owners and employees, as well as users of the downtown, hopefully alleviating the demand for on-street parking to be used by patrons. The Ordinance creates no time limits for parking at all lots, with the exception of Lot D (lot adjacent to the Brown Bag parking lot), which will have a 2-hour parking limit. No vehicles may be advertised for sale, nor shall any inoperable or unlicensed vehicles be parked in municipal lots. Alderman Hayes confirmed that Lot D would now be the only lot with a time constraint, and there is a 7-day limit for parked vehicles that have not moved. Alderman Hiller questioned whether trailers are allowed to park in the lots. A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Mitze to approve Ordinance 2011-11; City-Owned Parking Lots- Parking Regulations. Motion carried 8-yes, 0-no.

Resolution 2011-12; Farm Cash Rent Agreement relates to the 30 acres the City of Monticello purchased in 2009 for the purpose of outdoor recreation development. The City Council expressed interest in cash-renting the property in the meantime. The City advertised for bids in the local paper and two bids were submitted. This Ordinance allows for the Mayor and City Council to enter into an agreement with the highest bidder for the amount stated on the agreement, to cash rent the 30 acres of farm ground owned by the City of Monticello, for a term of one year with no guarantees or obligations to the highest bidder for 2012. The City has the ability to enter onto the property to construct infrastructure for the future recreation site, should the need arise, with the appropriate compensation or credit to their lease payment made to the tenant for the crops taken out of production. A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Eades to approve Resolution 2011-12. Motion carried 8-yes, 0-no.

Monical's Pizza is interested in engaging in the sale of alcoholic liquor to their patrons. Because the restaurant would be selling mostly food, and would sell by the drink for consumption on the premises, they would require a Class C liquor license. The City currently has 5 Class C liquor licenses, which are held by Los Toros #2, El Toro, Bao's Restaurant, Illinois Pizza Company, and Thai Spicy Restaurant. Monical's is requesting the City create an additional Class C liquor license for their use. It was of the general consensus of the City Council to have an ordinance prepared for consideration at the April 25, 2011 City Council meeting.

Terri Norman, representing the Main Street Pub of Monticello, is requesting an outdoor special event permit allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages on public right-of-way. The Main Street Pub is planning on having a customer appreciate day on Sunday, May 1st from 3pm – 8pm with free food to patrons. They would like to block off the parking spaces in front of their location to allow for outdoor seating and eating. Concerns were raised about setting a precedence where other retail establishments may be interested in the same type of event, but overall, the Council decided to have an ordinance prepared for consideration at the April 25th, 2011 City Council meeting.

Student Advisor Hutson reported that the testing for the No Child Left Behind standings will be coming. Prom is April 30th and track and baseball are going on. Alderman Murdock reminded residents to complete their cross-connection surveys. Alderman Cummings commended the Monticello Area Education Foundation on raising \$10,000 at their Gala event, and reported on

public works tasks for the previous two weeks. Alderman Kuetemeyer stated that Wednesday, April 13th is Municipality Day with the legislature and he and Alderman Mitze will be attending. The Council also expressed interest in touring the Clinton Landfill site and the PCB storage facility. Alderman Brown reported that there was another power outage at the waste water treatment facility, but Ameren thinks they have found the problem. Alderman Hiller reminded of the Business Expo April 19th, Job Fair April 20th, and Monticello Trivia game in Downtown Monticello April 30th. Alderman Hayes reported that the Driving Range and Landscape Waste Facility are now open, and that several junk items have been recovered from the landscape waste piles and the facility will be shut down if abuse continues. He made mention of the Senior Striders program, Easter Egg Hunt April 16th, and the coloring contest.

Superintendent Allsop restated that the landscape waste facility is an EPA –regulated operation and if it is found abused, EPA could not only fine the City of Monticello, but could shut down the facility. Mr. Allsop stated that the last CPPRT check received for the fiscal year came in 14% higher than budgeted for last year. Maguire Iron is 80% finished with manufacturing parts for the new water tower, which will begin construction in the next 2-3 weeks, with a filling date of August. The public works department has been working at replacing an existing, aged water main on McClellan Street.

After a 10 minute recess, Police Chief John Miller discussed the budget for the Monticello Police Department. He has requested a budget of \$790,796 for the next fiscal year. Factoring into this include a 2% salary increase for all union police employees (as per union contract), and a 2% salary increase for non-union employees, should the Council choose to do so. He has enacted cost-saving measures for fuel efficiency for all squad cars to aid with fuel costs, and the department was able to drop the LEADS computer and costs due to the new car computers. Alderman Cummings asked whether the Police Department was prepared for the new frequency of the radios, as mandated by the FCC, to which Mr. Allsop responded that both the fire and police have had the radio bandwidth narrowed and the only thing remaining are the tornado sirens which are included in next year's fiscal budget.

In general fund revenues, Superintendent Allsop based all projected revenues off of predictions by the Illinois Municipal League, factoring in 10% going towards the state of Illinois LGDF. Property taxes, which are set by levy, will account for \$550,000 of revenues. Sales tax is estimated at \$810,000; CPPRT suggested at \$950,000; Income tax at \$364,504; and Use Tax at \$68,906, for a total anticipated revenue of \$2,824,700.

The City Council will hold a budget meeting on Monday, April 18th at 7pm, where the Chamber, Tourism and Main Street will present their requests.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Callie Jo McFarland
Deputy City Clerk of Monticello

