

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2010

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of March 22, 2010 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clerk Dubson

Student Advisor: Schluter

Mayor Corrie led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Eades made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murdock to approve the Claims Report of March 18, 2010 and the Budget Report of February 28, 2010. Motion passed.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Corrie reported that Monticello will be hosting the CIMOA meeting on April 22nd at the Monticello Best Western. Debbie Lucas of Direct Energy will be the speaker.

In Old Business, Alderman Hiller commended the Police Department on their additional presence in the community. Alderman Cummings expressed concern about a resident who was experiencing issues with a neighbor's dog. Mayor Corrie stated that the matter has been handled to the best of the City's ability, and they are following the City Attorney's recommendations.

In public participation, David Monk, Heartland Pathways, reported that their organization will be burning the prairie ground between Monticello and Cisco, weather permitting.

For New Business, Resolution 2010-08 allows the City of Monticello to move forward with the water tower construction project. The City currently has one 150,000-gallon elevated water tower. The proposed water tower project involves construction of a 500,000 gallon single pedestal tower located at the north interchange that would be connected to the existing system and looped to the west interchange. The size of the new tower was determined based on the accommodation of fire flows, as well as support of

current and future development. The cost estimate of the project is \$2.2 Million. To fund the project, the City would sell Build America Bonds, which have to be sold by the end of the calendar year. The proceeds from the bond sales would pay for the tower construction and looping. The City would make first apply the \$675,000 balance in TIF #1 reserve account towards the project. The City will then finance ~\$1.5 Million for 20 years at ~3.95% interest, making annual payments from TIF #1 for the remaining three years and the balance from TIF #2 revenues. TIF District #1 was created 13 years ago as a source of funding for this project. Conservative estimates of the City experiencing 3% growth show the City's ability to make the payments from TIF #2 revenues. Approval of this resolution allows the City to enter into an agreement with Foth, Inc. to provide engineering services from this point forward. Alderman Cummings asked Greg Gustafson of Foth, Inc., the engineer handling the project, how confident he was with the cost estimate. Mr. Gustafson said he was as confident as he could be, given the resources available to him. Alderman Eades made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hayes to approve Resolution 2010-08, a Resolution to Accept a City Staff Proposal to construct a 500,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank. Motion passed, 7 yes, 1 no vote (Brown).

In Alderman's Reports, Alderman Hayes stated that there are 549 participants registered in the spring/summer youth ball programs. The recreation department will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th at Forest Preserve Park. The Driving Range/Landscape Waste Facility will be opening for the season April 1st. The recycling dumpster will remain at the Public Works complex and is monitored by surveillance cameras. The Recreation Department met with the Kiwanis Club which expressed interest in promoting the City's recreation complex project.

For community development, Alderman Hiller reported that on March 30th, the Monticello Red Wheel Restaurant will donate 50% of sales to the Monticello Fire Department for the purchase of new equipment. April 2nd 5:30pm – 8:00pm will be a wine & cheese shopwalk for the Main Street First Friday event. April 1st is Census Day- all residents are encouraged to return their census forms to ensure that our community is counted, and April 16th will be the first Piatt County Job Fair from 3-6pm at the City Center.

Alderman Cummings reported the Public Works employees have been busy cleaning up ditches, filling sandbags, televising sewer lines, jetting driveway culverts, a water leak, and work towards completion of the bike and hike trail and Brown Bag Alley project.

Student Advisor Schluter reported that the Monticello schools are currently on spring break. Soccer, softball, baseball and track are underway, and the high school Juniors' will be preparing for PSAE testing in the next two weeks.

For the Superintendent's Report, Floyd Allsop reported that insurance renewal and outdoor recreation will be the topics of discussion for the April 5th Study Session. The Kirby Medical Center Development Agreement will be on the agenda for the April 12th City Council meeting. He hopes to have budget meetings during the next several weeks, with the budget up for approval at the April 26th City Council meeting. Mr. Allsop reported

that the bike/hike trail across the river is going very well, and there will be a ribbon cutting to celebrate its success once completed.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Cummings to adjourn at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,


Callie Jo McFarland

Deputy City Clerk of Monticello