

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2009.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of March 9, 2009 held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mitze
Clerk Freundt

Alderman:

Allman
Hiller
Corrie
Brown
McHale
Kuetemeyer
Hayes
Vanderkloot 7:05 P.M.

Student Advisor:

Patrick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Attorney Tracy

Mayor Mitze led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor wanted to recognize the 7th grade boys basketball team for finishing second in the state and the 8th grade boys basketball team for finishing third. Mitze asked Superintendent Allsop to contact IDOT to get signs posted at the entrances to the city to honor these boys.

A motion was made by Alderman Hiller, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the Council minutes of February 26, 2009, the Claims Report of March 9, 2009, the Police Report ending February, 2009, and the Monthly Building Permits February, 2009. 7 yeas 1 abstention

Mayor Mitze asked Superintendent Allsop to explain about the vacating of Tatman Business Park Final Plat. This plat was passed by the city using Resolution 2001-03 in February, 2001. The Tatman Business Park has never developed anything so they have entered into an agreement with John and Mary E. Kirby Hospital to exchange real estate owned by the hospital. For the city to do this, a public hearing needs to take place. A motion was made by Alderman Hiller, seconded by Alderman Corrie to go into the public hearing at 7:06 P.M. Motion Carried. At this time, the Mayor asked for any comments from the public. No comments were made, so a motion was made by Alderman Hiller, seconded by Alderman McHale to come out of the public hearing at 7:07 P.M.

A motion was made by Alderman McHale, seconded by Alderman Hiller to approve Ordinance 2009-10, An Ordinance Vacating the Final Plat of Tatman Business Park. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Corrie, seconded by Alderman McHale to approve Ordinance 2009-11, An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat John and Mary E. Kirby Hospital Subdivision City of Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois. Motion Carried.

Student Advisor Patrick talked about track, softball, baseball and soccer were getting started. The spring musical was a great success. Spring break will be in a couple of weeks.

Alderman Corrie wanted to remind everyone the Monticello Chamber of Commerce is hosting the candidate's forum on March 10th at the chamber luncheon at noon. This will be held at Crossroads Church east of town. If you don't make it to the meeting you can see it on Channel 2 at 4:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M. This will air March 16th through April 5th. The city has decided to get more city information out to the public by providing a bi-monthly report in the water bills. The CIMOA meeting is being hosted by Monticello this month and it will be held on March 19th at the Best Western. Speakers will be Matt Davison of Illinois Municipal League, State Representative Chapin Rose and former Iran prisoner Paul Lewis. The Council should let the Mayor know if they will be attending by March 12th.

Alderman Kuetemeyer made a statement to the public. He ran for concept and running for the people. The city is tightening their belt. Please contact any councilman to voice your concerns, or ideas, or opinions.

Alderman Hiller have we heard anything about the fireworks. The response was there was one person to let us know there was meeting taking place tomorrow night and will contact the Mayor after the meeting.

Alderman Hayes read a quote from Abraham Lincoln before he gave his report. As everyone can see new playground equipment has been going up in Nick's Park. Little League sign up took place and is slightly down from last year.

Superintendent Allsop announced the city was going to try something different and have the spring clean up Friday, May 8th, Saturday, May 9th, and Sunday, May 10th. The hours will be from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Allsop wanted to make a word of caution. If you have installed a sump pump run by your water these have a tendency to get stuck which can cause your water bill to go up. It is great to have them when there is no electricity but there are down sides to it. The city will not adjust your water bill if that is the case. Also if you have an empty building keep the water shut off. Pipes can freeze and burst. If the pipes break the city will not make any adjustments for that situation either.

Landscape waste can be taken to the transfer station starting the first week of April. The recycle container will be relocated out there also.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman McHale to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.


**RENEE M. FRUENDT, City Clerk for
the City of Monticello, Illinois**