

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2009.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of April 13, 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 Fruendt

Alderman: Allman
Vanderkloot
Corrie
Brown
Hayes
Kuetemeyer
Hiller
McHale

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Attorney Tracy

Mayor Mitze led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor wanted to commend and salute the candidates who want to serve their community. He wanted to congratulate those who won. Mayor Mitze stated our neighbors to the east passed a new 1% tax increase. Now Champaign's taxes will be 8.75% with Monticello's being 6.25%. Shop locally.

A motion was made by Alderman Hiller, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the Council minutes of March 23, 2009, the Claims Report of April 13, 2009, the Study Session minutes of April 6, 2009, Police Report for the month of March, 2009, and the Monthly Permits for March 2009. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Corrie, seconded by Alderman Hayes to approve Resolution 2009-14, A Resolution to Enter Into An Agreement With PersonalCare Insurance of IL for Group Health Insurance. Motion Carried.

A discussion took place among the council members regarding the concern with speeding at the intersection of Washington and Independence going onto the square. Superintendent Allsop talked to the Chief of Police John Miller and a couple of the alderman concerning this. The Mayor stated something needs to be done. It was discussed whether to change the speed limit which is 30 mph from the Middle School all the way through town unless posted, to have a yield sign or stop sign. Chief Miller said to change the speed limit a couple of blocks from the square would not work because of the 500 feet law. Chief Miller stated there would be draw backs with putting a stop sign in and the yield sign would not be as good. A motion was made by Alderman Kuetemeyer, seconded by Alderman Corrie to create and install a three way stop at the

intersection of Independence and Washington. 2 nays 6 yeas. Mayor Mitze told Superintendent Allsop to contact Attorney Tracy to prepare a draft ordinance for this.

Alderman Corrie announced the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will take place Tuesday, April 21st from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Community Building. Coming up quickly is Main Street's May Market on May 2nd in downtown Monticello. Items available are plants, garden art and food. There will be clay pot painting for the kids again this year. Also on May 2nd is the 2nd annual Kirby Derby. You can register in advance by contacting Cindy Nelson at Kirby Hospital or Kirby's website for more information. The Monticello Railway Museum will also be starting up for the season with Throttle Tim next weekend. This is an opportunity to spend 30 minutes running a locomotive. An independent group has announced they will know by May 15th whether they will sponsor the July 3rd fireworks at Lodge Park. In late April through May, Channel 2 will be broadcasting Monticello School's elementary, middle and high school spring concerts, as well as 8th grade promotion and high school graduation.

Mayor Mitze announced we will be installing the new Mayor, Alderman, City Clerk and Treasurer at the first meeting in May. He asked Superintendent Allsop to contact city Attorney Bill Tracy to bring the former ordinance up to date.

Alderman Hiller wanted to know why upcoming events is not at the bottom of the meeting agenda. Superintendent Allsop said it could be done again if you want.

Alderman Hayes read a communication Lincoln wrote to Sangamon County. Some people question if Abe Lincoln was a religious man. Hayes read a statement he made and once you heard the statement you could make your own decision. The summer hours at the landfill are weekdays 4:00 P.M. to sunset and weekends noon to sunset. The recycle bin has been moved back to the landfill. Just remember the recycle bin is for recyclables not trash. The Easter Egg Hunt was a success. 235 participated in the hunt. Volleyball will continue through April and then cease. The Recreation Department is busy working on several projects such as the bike path, little league and softball.

Superintendent Floyd Allsop reported how Carle Clinic is working on their project. Carle bought ten (10) acres of property next to Appletree Subdivision. On April 29th at 7:00 P.M. Carle Clinic along with the Planning Commission will host a public information meeting. Then on May 6th at 7:00 P.M. the Planning Commission is scheduled to have a public hearing on the rezoning and preliminary plat. A reconfiguration of the entrance to Appletree from Route 47 will need to be addressed. Everything then will be brought to the city council meeting of May 11, 2009.

Alderman Corrie wanted to announce the opening of a new restaurant 3 Ravens. It is located in the former Montgomery's.

In the public participation, Tim Marty announced the Lions Club bike race. Dick Wilkin had questions regarding the healthcare of retiree's family members. Allsop said the employee has the option to pay for family members. Steve Shreffler questioned the

process of the swearing in of the council members and said a 3 way stop sign is not needed at the intersection of Independence and Washington.

A motion was made by Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman McHale to adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renee M. Fruendt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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