

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

The minutes of the regularly scheduled Monticello City Council Meeting of September 26, 2011 held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Monticello, Piatt County, Illinois.

Meeting convened at 7:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Corrie Alderman: Eades
 Mitze
 Murdock
 Cummings
 Hiller
 Hayes
 Kuetemeyer
 Student Advisor: Hixon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Clerk Dubson
Alderman Brown

Mayor Corrie led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Eades made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hayes to approve the Claims Report of September 26, 2011, Police Report for August 2011, City Council Meeting Minutes for August 8, August 22 and September 12, 2011, Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2011 and the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2011. Motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 absent.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Corrie thanked City Public Works, City Staff and volunteers who helped make the Monticello Celebration a huge success. Monticello will be hosting the CIMOA meeting on October 20th at the Monticello Best Western. New policies for council meetings were posted at the direction of the mayor. The annual Food Drive will be held on October 7th from 1:00p to 3:00p. The Fall Clean-up Event will be held October 7th, 8th and 9th from 9:00a to 5:00p.

There was no old business to be discussed and no public participation at this meeting.

During New Business, Steve Grohne, on behalf of May, Cocagne & King, presented a summary of this year's annual city audit. They provided a qualified opinion based upon a modified cash basis. They also provided two additional letters along with the audit report. A non-compliance note was discussed stating the city had not set up a schedule to deposit designated payments in the amount of 1/6 or 1/12 of the annual bond payment in designated bank accounts as required by the bond ordinance. The city bookkeeper has recently set up the accounts bringing the city back into compliance. The Mayor's signature stamp was not being stored in a secure manner and that has recently been corrected with the stamp now secured. The third note discussed was the lack of attention given to the timeline in which meeting minutes are being prepared, approved and

recorded. State Statute requires a timeline and process in which minutes are to be approved and recorded. It was noted that some minutes were missing and others were not approved in the required time frame. Mr. Grohne noted that sales tax and Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues far exceeded the budgeted amount last fiscal year. Mr. Grohne wrapped up the discussion by mentioning the IMRF and Police Pension funds both being underfunded. He did mention however, this is common and probably not of great concern at this time.

Mayor Corrie nominated Mark Freundt to fill the existing vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The vacancy was recently created by the resignation of Craig Myers. The term will expire in year 2016. A motion was made by Alderman Mitze and seconded by Alderman Eades to approve the Mayor's nomination. The motion carried with 7 yes votes and 1 absent.

During the Alderman's reports, Student Advisor Hixon noted the school band won grand champion at a recent Mt. Zion competition. The Rotary Interact Club recently helped with a food drive in Bement and homecoming activities are later this week with the game on Friday. Alderman Murdock mentioned how good the tree trimming looks on Marion Street. Alderman Cummings recapped Public Work's activities. Alderman Kuetemeyer mentioned how proud he was to be a Monticello resident while attending the recent IML Conference in Chicago. He mentioned Monticello is in excellent condition. Alderman Hiller recapped all of the community development activities coming up. They included the Allerton Bridge Ceremony on Sept. 30th, Fire Dept. Open House on Oct. 6th, two new businesses (Vintage Butterfly, Door Mouse) opened recently, downtown Movie Night on Oct. 7th, Annual City Food Drive on Oct. 7th and the bi-annual city clean-up event Oct. 7th thru 9th. Alderman Hayes recapped all of the recreation activities including the Halloween coloring contest, Halloween event at Nick's Park on Oct. 31st from 5:00p to 7:00p, JFL, soccer and a bus trip to Par-A-Dice Casino in Peoria on Nov. 2nd. He noted the bus trip will be self-funded with no tax dollars being spent on this trial event. If enough people do not sign up, there will be no trip.

The City Superintendent reported on the water tower project, MTIP, Edwards Street resurfacing, Mosher/Anderson detention, middle school detention and recent activity at the waste water treatment facility. The Supt. also reported the new NPDES permit for the wwtp has been received and will require much discussion in the near future due to anticipated new regulations from USEPA within the next five years.

With no other business being discussed, Mayor Corrie adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Supt. of City Services