

City Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order promptly at 5:59 PM. Deputy City Clerk Kirstin Garrison called the roll.

Attendees

Council members Cedric Leonard, Michael James, Al Peer, Mark Tiner, Craig McRae, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present. Council member Clarissa Pace was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Cedric Leonard moved to approve the March minutes, Craig McRae seconded, a yay/nay vote was called for, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this month

New Business

A. Resolution for Monticello Police Department

Mayor Akers stated that this resolution was a 100% grant for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant in the amount of \$7,400.00 that would go towards purchasing five computers and one handheld intoxicator for the Monticello Police Department. Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and be read by title only, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. They aye's had it and Deputy City Clerk Kirstin Garrison read. Mark Tiner moved to accept the resolution; Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed.

B. Resolution to add City Financial Document Signee

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and be read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and Deputy City Clerk Kirstin Garrison read. Mayor Jason Akers noted that on average, more than 1,000 checks are signed every month. There are currently two check signees already, with Mayor Akers and Director of Finance and Operations Vickie Norris being the two designated signees. By adding another signee to city checks and CD's, it will make it easier for the city as a whole to have checks signed in a timely manner when needed. Mike Wigley moved to accept the resolution; Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed.

C. Resolution to impose a lien on 1355 E Jackson

Mark Tiner introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and be read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and Deputy City Clerk Kirstin Garrison read. Code Enforcement Officer Brian Rodgers noted that this resolution was listed incorrectly on the agenda and was meant to declare the property a nuisance. Notice was given to the homeowner via regular and certified letter and nothing has been heard from the homeowner. The shed on the property is obscured by grass and the property is a mess. Mark Tiner asked if Paul McHan Jr. has replied to any correspondence. No, he has not. He will be given 30 days from the time that he receives the copy of the

ordinance. Craig McRae moved to accept the resolution; Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed.

D. Discussion – Special Trash Pickup

The discussion on the special trash pickup service was discussed in a previous meeting. An existing resolution, Resolution 87-6, that was initially passed in 1987 was found that outlined when and how trash is meant to be placed and when it will be picked up. The resolution was initially passed to assist residents who needed help with picking up their couch or large object and has since turned into picking up large piles of trash that the employees have to sift through by hand and bag it themselves. The abuse of the program has caused the city to fall behind on picking up leaves and limbs. The policy on how special trash pickup will run will be implemented and put out to the public in the near future. The city will be split up into sections, with each section having a specific week that their section will be picked up each month. Michael James reiterated that the special pick up will still only happen on Wednesday but with only one section being picked up each Wednesday. Mark Tiner asked how we could fine citizens if they violate the policy by placing trash out on the street if they are putting it out when it is not their week to be picked up. Mayor Akers stated that we have ordinances in place that will be implemented if needed and it becomes an issue.

E. Discussion with Eric Chisom regarding Bank CD

Fire Chief Eric Chisom stated that the bank CD was money that was left over from the construction of the Central Station in the amount of \$22,144.34. He stated that he would like to reappropriate the \$22,144.34 and put it towards purchasing the equipment that is needed for the Fire Department's new fire truck. Mark Tiner asked where these funds would come from. Director of Finance & Operations Vickie Norris stated that it would come from One Cent Sales Tax and that there would be an official resolution at the May council meeting to amend and update the budget, but they would go ahead and expend the money to purchase the equipment, with this being the verbal approval to use the CD as the fund reservation to cover the expense. Mark Tiner made the motion to transfer the money to the One Cent Sales Tax for the purpose of obtaining the equipment for the fire truck, Craig McRae seconded, a yay/nay vote was called and the aye's had it, approving the transfer of \$22,144.34 for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the new fire truck.

F. Discussion – Record Destruction for Record Retention

Finance Manager Ashley Rodermund presented Resolution 2020-38 that was passed in 2020 approving the record retention and destruction policy for the City of Monticello, along with the Certificate of Records Disposal for records dating from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2019 that contained support documentation such as receipts, deposit slips, check stubs and invoices that will be shredded on site. Mike Wigley made a motion to approve for the destruction of these records, Michael James seconded the motion, a yay/nay vote was called, and the aye's had it, approving for the destruction of records.

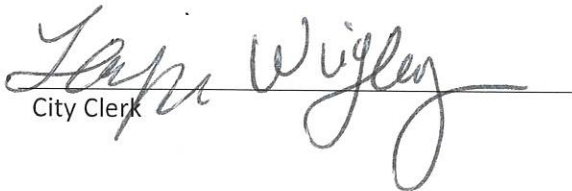
G. Presentation with Stephen Coburn – Planning Commission

Stephen Coburn presented a couple of items to the council that the Planning Commission feel should be talked about, but wanted everybody's input on whether they should pursue these items before putting in the leg work to try and pass them if they would not be interested. The first item that the Planning Commission would like to look at is zoning. Mike Wigley stated that he feels that the City of Monticello should look into having some zoning, with Mark Tiner stating that the issue of zoning has come up for discussion before, with the citizens having voted it down on multiple occasions. Stephen Coburn further explained that the Planning Commission feels it is important to have zoning on highway 425, that would

be zoned for commercial use only, to attract more businesses to come to Monticello. The other item that Stephen Coburn presented to the council was the need for designating a truck route, with certain exceptions to some trucks, such as delivery trucks. Cedric Leonard asked if Cherry Street was once made a designated truck route. Yes. Bennie Ryburn stated that Cherry Street was made a truck route under Mayor Maxwell so that the mill off of Old Dermott Road could transport their products to others. Mike Wigley suggested that the Planning Commission should talk to the industries around Monticello to gather their input on the matter. Another item that Stephen Coburn presented to the council was the Planning Commission's request for a sign ordinance to help clean up Monticello so we can get some of the broken signs around town cleaned up and fixed. The last item that the Planning Commission has been discussing is sidewalks and where to begin. The Planning Commission felt that it was important to start in an area to benefit residents and to start on the sidewalks going from Jordan Park to the library.

Adjournment

Cedric Leonard moved to adjourn the meeting, Caludia Hartness seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.


City Clerk

5-30-2024
Date of Approval

