

REGULAR MEETING – MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
Monday, August 8, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
Mississippi Room, Monticello Community Center

Present: Lloyd Hilgart, Jim Davidson, Bill Fair, Charlotte Gabler and Sam Murdoff
Absent: None.

1. General Business

A. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hilgart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Murdoff moved approval of the agenda. Councilmember Gabler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Special Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2022
- Regular Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2022

Councilmember Gabler moved approval of both sets of minutes. Councilmember Fair seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Citizen Comments

None

E. Public Service Announcements

The following updates were noted:

- Community Art Show
- Father Daughter Dance
- Music on the Mississippi
- Park Closure for Brewfest
- Primary Election
- Construction Update

F. Council Liaison Updates

- **EDA** – Councilmember Davidson gave an update of the July 27, 2022 meeting. The agenda included Headwaters Development Phase II environmental study Deephaven Phase II Environmental Study.

- **IEDC** – Councilmember Fair noted that the group met at Wright County Technical Center. They discussed an amendment to membership and heard an update on building permits.
- **Planning Commission** – Councilmember Gabler gave an update on the August 2, 2022 meeting. The agenda included amendment to Camping World PUD and an amendment to PUD related to accessory uses.

G. Department Updates

- **Wright County Sheriff Quarterly Update –**
- **Human Resources Update**

2. Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Murdoff moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Consideration of approving the payment of bills. **Action taken: Approved the bill and purchase card registers for a total of \$594,532.77.**
- B. Consideration of approving new hires and departures for City departments. **Action taken: Approved hire for the MCC and terminations for liquor store, MCC, DMV, and Water/Sewer.**
- C. Consideration of approving the sale/disposal of surplus city property for the Parks and Recreation Department. **Action taken: No report this cycle.**
- D. Consideration of approving a special event permit for Monticello RV for a Local Heroes Days event to be held August 18-August 20, 2022. **Action taken: Approved the special event permit.**
- E. Consideration of approving a temporary liquor license for the Monticello Lions for the Monticello Fire Department’s 125th Anniversary event on Saturday, September 17, 2022. **Action taken: Approved the temporary liquor license.**
- F. Consideration of approving a special event permit and a temporary liquor license for “Oktoberfest” and allowing use of Pioneer Park and related assistance as requested for the event on Saturday, September 17, 2022. **Action taken: Approved the special event permit.**
- G. Consideration of adopting Ordinance 782 amending Chapter 32, Organizations, Section 32.077 Membership – Industrial Economic Development Committee (IEDC) to clarify membership eligibility. **Action taken: Adopted Ordinance 782.**
- H. Consideration of approving appointment of Daryl Tindle to the Parks, Arts, & Recreation Commission. **Action taken: Approved the appointment.**

- I. Consideration of authorizing changes to the Riverside Cemetery Rules and Regulations regarding stone size change. **Action taken: Approved the changes to the Riverside Cemetery Rules and Regulations.**
- J. Consideration of approving a lease agreement with Monticello School District 882 for the 2022-2023 school year to serve kindergarten through fifth grade nature-based education at the Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park shared park maintenance shed. **Action taken: Approved the lease agreement.**
- K. Consideration of approving an updated Monticello Community Center facility hours schedule for 2022. **Action taken: Approved the facility hours schedule.**
- L. Consideration of authorizing WSB to provide engineering services for the Pinewood Elementary Safe Routes to School Improvement project for a total cost of \$76,718. **Action taken: Approved the contract with WSB.**
- M. Consideration of approving the purchase of a permanent easement for improvements to County Ditch 33 for a total amount of \$18,000. **Action taken: Approved the purchase of permanent easement.**
- N. Consideration of adopting Resolution 2022-88 accepting improvements and authorizing final payment of \$6,534.46 to Michels Power Inc. for the installation of FiberNet Facilities in the Featherstone 5th and Edmonson Ridge developments. **Action taken: Adopted Resolution 2022-88 accepting improvements and authorizing final payment.**
- O. Consideration of adopting Resolution 2022-89 approving a quit claim deed for conveyance of Parcel 155-010-052101 to the Monticello Economic Development Authority. **Action taken: Adopted Resolution 2022-89 approving quit claim deed.**

3. Public Hearings:

4. Regular Agenda:

- A. Consideration of Interim Ordinance 783 declaring a moratorium on the sale, testing, distribution, and/or manufacturing of products with hemp-derived THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol), and a prohibition on the acceptance of any applications for such sale, distribution, or manufacture. Applicant: City of Monticello

Angela Schumann, Community Development Director, presented the item. The proposed interim ordinance declaring a moratorium would allow staff time to study the law regarding THC production and sales and implications it may have on the community. Specifically, staff wants to study, policing, licensing and

zoning. When the Legislature passed the law allowing THC sales, they did not include parameters regulating productions, sale, or compliance.

City Council discussed the interim ordinance. There were questions on the need for regulation. Councilmembers Murdoff and Davidson expressed that they would not support a moratorium of one year. Councilmember Murdoff questioned whether there would be a negative impact by allowing the sale since it is such a low dose and would not support a moratorium or licensing.

Councilmember Davidson understands the zoning and licensing components, but his concern is regarding the loss of business for local establishments to surrounding cities. Ms. Schumann clarified that 12 months is allowed; however, it may not take that long. Councilmember Gabler questioned whether a 6-month moratorium could be an option and then extended if needed. Ms. Schumann would have to confirm that it could be extended from 6 to 12 months if needed.

There was discussion on possible licensing options. Rachel Leonard, City Administrator, clarified that staff is not recommending to license, but would like to study the issue and whether licensing would be needed.

Mayor Hilgart noted his disappointment that the State passed the law without any stipulations for regulations. He added that he would prefer a special City Council meeting to discuss some of the issues or questions.

Councilmember Gabler moved to table the item to August 22. Councilmember Fair seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Schumann noted that questions can be directed to her.

5. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Recorder: Jennifer Schreiber _____

Approved:

Attest: _____

City Administrator