

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, June 26, 2023 – 5 p.m.**  
**Academy Room, Monticello Community Center**

Present: Charlotte Gabler, Lloyd Hilgart, Tracy Hinz, Lee Martie, Sam Murdoff  
Absent: None  
Staff: Rachel Leonard, Sarah Rathlisberger, Jennifer Schreiber, Angela Schumann, Tom Pawelk, Tracy Ergen, Ron Hackenmueller, Ryan Melhouse, Sara Cahill, Jim Thares  
Other: Andrew Cooper, Oertel Architects

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Lloyd Hilgart called the special meeting to order at 5 p.m.

**2. Discussion of Public Works Facility**

Rachel Leonard, City Administrator, updated the City Council on a revised concept and cost estimate for the new Public Works Facility and asked for direction from the City Council. The project remains important to the future of Monticello. Some options for funding include pursuing Federal and State funding.

Sarah Rathlisberger, Finance Director, noted that the proposed \$35 million project, 20-year term bond would have a \$2.5 million annual payment.

There was discussion on construction manager options. Andrew Cooper, Oertel Architects, noted that the City could choose a construction manager at risk or construction manager as advisor. The Council expressed interest in looking at having a construction manager as advisor.

The City Council discussed the cost of the project. Mayor Hilgart expressed concern that the city's current debt would be doubled with this project. Councilmember Gabler wondered about waiting and pushing the project back a year. All Councilmembers spoke of support for the project and the need for the facility. There was consensus by Council that staff move forward with the project, pursue funding options, and work on project cost.

**3. Adjournment**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Recorder: Jennifer Schreiber \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:

Attest:

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City Administrator

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