

MINUTES
MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP
Monday, September 11, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.
Academy Room, Monticello Community Center

Present: Charlotte Gabler, Lloyd Hilgart, Tracy Hinz, Lee Martie, Sam Murdoff
Absent: None
Staff: Rachel Leonard, Jennifer Schreiber, Angela Schumann, Tom Pawelk, Sarah Rathlisberger

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lloyd Hilgart called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. THC Ordinance Discussion

Jennifer Schreiber, City Clerk, requested direction on allowing establishments with an on-sale liquor license the ability to sell THC beverages per ordinance. There was City Council consensus that an ordinance be drafted for approval at an upcoming council meeting.

3. 2024 Budget Discussion

Sarah Rathlisberger, Finance Director, presented for the fourth and final budget meeting. As part of the presentation, she noted the changes that were made to the draft 2024 budget in order to balance. These included: revision to the proposed parks position, solar investment agreements, eliminated carpet for library, reduced funding the pathway maintenance fund, and reduced facilities maintenance allocation.

Ms. Rathlisberger presented three budget scenarios with an 8%, 9% and 10% increase. It was stated that an 8% increase in 2024 would mean an almost 21% increase in 2025 for the new public works facility. It was also mentioned that each percent increase brings approximately \$120,000 in revenue.

The MCC budget was also balanced due to staffing vacancies and reduced facilities maintenance allocation.

The Council discussed the changes made to the proposed 2024 budget. Councilmember Murdoff expressed that he would favor a 10% increase in 2024. Councilmember Martie concurred. Councilmember Hinz commented that she supported funding the carpet for the library.

There was Councilmember consensus for a 9% increase in 2024, with \$40,000 to be used for carpet in the library and the remaining revenue to be put in Capital Improvements Fund.

4. Housing Study Workshop with EDA and Planning Commission

Jason Valerius & Brian Wiedenfeld, MSA Professional Services, Inc., presented the housing study that was completed.

5. Adjournment

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Recorder: Jennifer Schreiber _____

Approved:

Attest: _____
City Administrator

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