

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, March 14, 2022 – 5:15 p.m.**  
**Academy Room, Monticello Community Center**

Present: Bill Fair, Charlotte Gabler, Lloyd Hilgart, Sam Murdoff  
Absent: Jim Davidson  
Staff: Rachel Leonard, Angela Schumann, Matt Leonard, Sarah Rathlisberger, and Jennifer Schreiber

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Lloyd Hilgart called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**2. 5:15 p.m. Ditch 33 Discussion**

Matt Leonard, City Engineer/Public Works Director, presented information on Ditch 33 including the impacts to property owners, the location of the ditch, the current issues and a proposed solution. Wright County is the authority responsible for operation and maintenance of the ditch. Minimal improvements have been made since 1920s.

Ditch 33 serves the area east of the City, which is an area of current and future development. Because of this, the City has been working with the County on a proposed solution for ditch improvements. One such solution was to design for a new outlet, including wetland restoration which would help store and treat water prior to reaching the river. Rachel Leonard, City Administrator, noted that Wright County established a revolving loan program through the Wright County EDA to help fund the repairs. The City has the opportunity for a \$2 million loan with a 0% interest from Wright County with repayment being tied to future development or specific time. Ms. Leonard added that repairs to Ditch 33 may facilitate future development, but the fees received from development are unlikely to full fund the repayment of the loan.

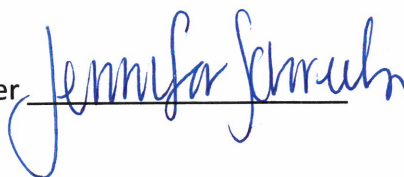
There was some discussion among City Council regarding the necessity of ditch repair. There was consensus of the Council that staff work with Wright County on the loan for maintenance on Ditch 33.

**3. Adjournment**

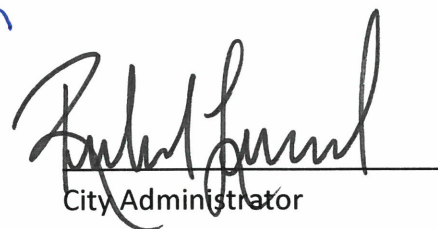
By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Recorder: Jennifer Schreiber

Approved:



Attest:

  
City Administrator