CITY OF MONTELLO COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

20 UNDERWOOD AVE.

MONTELLO, WI 53949

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Doudna

PRESENT: Jim Houdek, Barb Jordan, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich, Karlene Utke, Patricia Schaefer, Frank Breitenbach

ABSENT: Shelley Freitag-Dufour

Motion by Jordan/Streich to approve agenda. Add report to New Business. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD REPORT: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Breitenbach stated he was approached by 3 people asking about Charter fiber optic line.

 More interest is needed – Charter should be contacted.

MAYOR COMMENTS: - As a result of Act 55 – DOT Highway projects will be moved to 2019. However projects by the City will still happen in 2018.

* Industrial Park project still being looked at.
	+ - Mike Kohnke met with WE energies representative interested in land purchase. Mayor has called.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Special Finance meeting minutes from 10-6-15
	* Motion by Breitenbach/Jordan to approve 10-6-15 special finance meeting minutes. Motion carried. No opposed.
2. Joint Fire District conflict waiver.
	* Motion by Breitenbach/Streich to approve Joint Fire District Conflict waiver. Motion carried.
		+ Waiver is to make sure the City is aware there could be conflicts as Attorney Buttan is also Marquette County’s

attorney.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion & approval on 2016 Budget
	1. Proposed levy of $902,988
	2. Utke asked Craig Corning (auditor) if he was sure about the expenditure restraint – feels the auditor should remain neutral. Craig stated that the percentage, set by the State, would go down even more: Based on overall general fund expenditures less any debt. 1.7% increase only, then next year would be even less.
	3. $1.00 per hour proposed wage increase with insurance increase would actually be $0.68 per hour increase. Retirement % for City went down, City will be saving on retirement portion.
	4. Utke mentioned Police Chief proposed salary increase. (Proposal is for Chief Olson to go to salary and will not receive any more comp time) Houdek supports the proposal and stated looks to him that the Chief gets about $12,000 a year in comp time to stay home.
	5. Council member wage increase cannot be justified because of cutting the fire truck and according to ordinance.
	6. Motion by Jordan to approve proposed 2016 budget. No second.
		* Discussion on Committee of the Whole
		* Discussion on attorney fees. Police Chief asked not to go too low because of Municipal Court. Public Works Director also stated projects coming up will entail attorney fees (storm water project is not in Sewer & Water).
		* Discussion on playground equipment.
		* Jon Sheller asked about max amount city can levy. Some discussion.
		* Discussion on storm water, boat landing, and upcoming projects.
		* Yes vote would send this budget to the public hearing.
		* Keri Solis asked if City had collected for boat launch – not this year.
	7. Motion by Jordan/Streich to approve 2016 proposed budget with the changes to keep alderman salary the same and lower attorney fees. Motion carried.

Review & Approve Previous month’s council minutes.

* + - Motion by Houdek/Schaefer to approve 10-5-15 council minutes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

* 1. Finance – Motion by Streich/Schaefer to approve voucher list with information from Mayor. Motion carried.
	2. Lake District N/A
	3. Library
	4. License and Ordinance. – N/A
	5. Mayor’s Planning and Advisory –N/A
	6. Municipal Court – N/A
	7. Park Board- Motion by Jordan/Streich to approve 10-22-15 minutes. Motion carried.
	8. Personnel – N/A
	9. Public Safety – Motion by Houdek/Schaefer to approve 10-21-15 minutes. Motion carried.
	10. Public Works- Motion by Breitenbach/Jordan to approve 10-8-15 minutes. Motion carried.

Communication and misc business**.**  Mayor Doudna: December meetings: Personnel to hire new officer and Mayor’s planning and Advisory.

Motion by Jordan/Schaefer to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:03 pm.

Minutes by Calnin