CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

7-2-18

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Doudna

Present: Jim Houdek, Barbara Barton, Venise Mugler, Barb Jordan, Ken Streich, Karlene Utke, Joanna Christian

Excused: Frank Breitenbach

Others Present: Elsie Roth, Paul Ninneman, Marilyn Merrill, Ron Knutson, Michael Frank, Robert Seamans, Sharon Seamans

Motion by Christian/Mugler to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Jordan to approve the 6-4-18 council minutes. Motion carried

Motion by Streich/Jordan to approve the June voucher list. Motion carried

Motion by Houdek/Jordan to approve the 6-20-18 Park minutes. Motion carried

Motion by Houdek/Mugler to approve the 6-20-18 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve the 6-26-18 Personnel minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barton/Mugler to approve the 6-21-18 Public works minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MONTELLO LAKE DISCUSSION

Elsie Roth was present to voice her concerns regarding the Montello Lake levels

* Is the lake level low resulting from gate repairs
* Is it an oversight on the company that runs the dam
* Consideration of more/higher water level
* Can Lake Association control the Lake level
* Can the city come up with a policy or ordinance for control
* Most concern is the depth of the lake

Mayor Doudna stated that he had a conversation with the Lake dam owner, and has just recently requested a chart of Montello lake levels by date and the amount of gallons that flow through the Montello Lake dam by calendar date. As of the council meeting he has not gotten a response from the owner.

Alderperson Christian stated her concern about environmentally what could happen on the danger of low lake levels.

Alderperson Mugler stated that she had talked and met with the DNR last year regarding the lake levels. The DNR wanted to remind people that Montello Lake dam is a dammed up river and that ice affects water levels as does snow and wind. They also met with the employee who controls the lake level and feels he is keeping the lake levels at correct levels. Also, Montello Lake is regulated by the DNR.

Elsie is asking for more oversight and consistency on the lake levels.

Alderperson Jordan suggested talking with Pat Kilbey at the Land conservation Dept.

Mayor Doudna said he will continue conversations with the owner and try to get a reply from his specific questions.

In another matter Elsie asked if the Montello Lake Dam boat landing road/concrete could be looked at. Needs repair work. Ken Streich, Public Works chair will put this on his agenda for his 7-12-18 public works meeting.

1. ACTION ON THREE YEAR AUDIT CONTRACT

Motion by Mugler/Streich to approve the Audit contract from Miller, Brussel, Ebben and Glaeske for 2018, 2019, and 2020. Motion carried

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

* Wants everyone to be prepared for the road construction coming up soon. Will be a good thing for the city in the end.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

* Ron Knutson stated concern about audit contract
* Michael Frank stated his concern about Co. signage

Motion by Mugler/Streich to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:52 pm

Minutes by Dawn Calnin