CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

8-6-18

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: Frank Buress, Elsie Roth, Ron Knutson, Michael Kohnke, Stephanie Anderson, Daniel Peterson, Emily O, Lauren Calnin, Christa VanTreeck, Cara Cross, Bobbi Richter, Paul Ninneman, Marilyn Merrill

Motion by Jordan/Streich to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Houdek to approve the 7-2-18 council minutes. Motion carried

Motion by Streich/Jordan to approve the July voucher list.

* Some discussion on Aflac & Build America checks, refunding of liquor license, and dumpster and port-a-potty at park.
* Motion carried

Motion by Mugler/Jordan to approve 7-30-18 Special Finance minutes.

* Discussion split of cost of fire truck
* Discussion on PW debts
* Motion carried.

Motion by Houdek/Streich to approve the 7-30-18 Park minutes. Motion carried

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve the 7-31-18 Personnel minutes.

* Discussion on comp time policy
* Motion carried.

Motion by Christian/Mugler to approve the 7-25-18 Public Safety minutes.

* Discussion on large item pick up and junk ordinance
* Discussion on creative crosswalks
* Discussion on Triggers building
* Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve the 7-12-18 Public works minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Jordan/Christian to accept loan for Joint Fire Truck. Motion carried.

Vehicle Registration Presentation

* Michael Kohnke gave presentation on proposed vehicle registration fee
* Discussion on condition of roads and longevity of repairs: biggest problem is roads without curb and gutter, also there are more and heavier vehicles.
* Discussion on wheel tax vs property tax
* Discussion on large trucks and farm vehicles: city maintained roads have a weight limit.
* Add to agenda for action next month
* Discussion on what happens if council approves

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Doudna stated to make sure to sign in if hadn’t already.

Reminder to attend circus on Aug 10th at the Montello School.

Mayor Doudna also stated congratulations to Dawn Calnin (City Clerk/Treasurer) for being awarded a scholarship to the annual Clerk’s Conference.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Elsie Roth asked about any new information on Dam. Mayor Doudna and Ken Streich have a meeting on Monday. Roth would like consideration for higher lake levels. Mayor plans on finding out why levels have gone down.

Ron Knutson asked if Park Board needs approval from Council to hire new employee if already in budget. Policy in place is that Council approves all hires.

Frank Buress talked about education financing issues and the flag on the wall in city hall.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISC. BUSINESS:

Alderperson Barton stated that she would like to see a copy of the original lease for the Dam – feels city should be getting a percentage of the profits. Mayor stated the dam is privately owned and owners have changed since original lease, but will look into.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:09 pm

Minutes by Marie Puterbaugh