CITY OF MONTELLO

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10-18-18

Meeting called to order by Mayor Doudna at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Jim Houdek, Barbara Barton, Venise Mugler, Barb Jordan, Karlene Utke, Joanna Jackman

Members Absent: Ken Streich, Frank Breitenbach

Others Present: Ron Weiss, Lisa Smith

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Jackman/Mugler to approve the 10-8-18 Special Council minutes. Motion carried
2. Motion by Mugler/Jackman to approve the 10-9-18 Personnel minutes. Motion carried. Utke-no
3. Motion by Mugler/Jordan to approve the 10-10-18 Special Council minutes. Motion carried
4. Discuss, with possible action timeline of Interim Police Chief vs. Permanent Police Chief.

Discussion:

* Mayor stated that state statute allows the City to find an Interim Police chief, however a signed resignation was received by Richard Olson on 10-10-18, so the Mayor feels there is no need to search for an Interim Chief and recommends searching for a Permanent Police Chief.
* Question was asked if the City was going to pursue a quote from the County.
* Jordan stated that the City will be working with the Sheriff’s Office on getting a Quote.
* Barton asked why a permanent Chief would be sought if the City is considering going with the County
* Jackman feels it would be a mistake to go with the County; stating that once the City loses the department there’s no getting it back. Also, the County can charge the City whatever they want once they have control.
* Mugler stated that any further discussion should wait until a quote is received from the County.
* Utke asked if the timeline of this search includes contacting the County for a Quote.
* Mayor said, yes that it will include contacting the County. Stated again that the City will not be pursuing an Interim Police Chief.
* Citizen Ron Weiss suggested having the Sheriff come to a Council meeting to answer questions.
* Citizen Lisa Smith stated that it was important to look at all avenues.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to adjourn. Motion carried at 5:25 PM

Minutes by Dawn Calnin