CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

9-3-19

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Doudna

Members present: Jim Houdek, Barbara Barton, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich, Karlene Utke, Dennis Schrimpf, Joanna Jackman

Members excused: Barb Jordan

Others present: Marggie Banker, Steve Barganz, Paul Ninneman

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

Motion by Mugler/Houdek to approve the 8-5-19 Council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Utke/Houdek to approve the 8-29-19 Board of Review minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schrimpf/Streich to approve the 8-28-19 Building and Purchase minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to approve the July and August voucher lists. Motion carried.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to approve the 8-20-19 and 8-29-19 Special Finance minutes. Motion carried.

* Utke doesn’t agree with using tax payer’s money for razing. Mayor Doudna explained that the City has to pay up front first, then the City requests payment back.

Motion by Utke/Mugler to approve the 8-29-19 License and Ordinance committee minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schrimpf/Streich to approve the 8-21-19 Park Board minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Houdek to approve the 8-8-19 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION 2019-03 – RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND OR CHANGE THE NUMBER OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. Motion by Utke/Jackman to approve Resolution 2019-03

Roll Call Vote: Houdek-yes, Barton-yes, Mugler-yes, Streich-yes, Utke-yes, Schrimpf-yes, Jackman-yes. Motion carried.

1. MONTELLO SCHOOLS UPDATE BY MARGGIE BANKER.

Superintendent of Schools Marggie Banker was present to give the Council an update on happenings in the School:

* 2018-19 Grant funding awarded to the school equaled $275,946.
* School Report card achieved “meets expectations” for the first time in 12 years. An impressive step towards the schools’ vision.
* All carpet and asbestos has been removed from the elementary school and replaced with tile flooring.
* Heating and cooling system, along with a new roof will take place in 2020.
* 5th and 6th graders competed in the NatGeo Challenge in Washington DC securing a Top Six spot in the nation. Big honor!
* The Mayor congratulated the School on their progress and good news.
* Fund balance is steadily increasing.

1. COMMITTEE CHANGES.

After researching the number of council members and citizens that can be on the Park Board, it was determined that a mistake was made on adding Alderperson Jordan to the Park Board after the April Re-organization meeting, as that put four council members on the Park Board and only three are allowed. (Four citizens allowed)

The Mayor removed Jordan from the Park Board Committee.

1. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION, CITY WELCOME SIGNS.

Mugler informed the council that the City received a grant to cover the cost of two City of Montello Welcome signs, less the installation. Mugler asked if the City would pay for the installation, which would be less than $500, and that includes the posts.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to take the money from account 10-51-51190-990 (room tax) to pay for installation of the new Welcome to Montello signs.

Houdek-yes, Barton-yes, Mugler-yes, Streich-yes, Utke-no, Schrimpf-yes, Jackman-yes. Motion carried.

1. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 240-1 (C) – PARKS AND RECREATION.
2. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 117-8 DOGS AND CATS ON PUBLIC GROUNDS AND CEMETERIES.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

* The 9-5-19 Special Finance meeting is cancelled because no new budget information since the 8-29-19 finance meeting. Next Special Finance meeting is 9-26-19.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISC. BUSINESS:

* Alderperson Jackman stated her concern on 19 Main St. progress. Has requested a meeting with the Mayor, City Attorney, Building Inspector and Mike Kohnke. The Mayor will set this up.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:05 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

* There are some business owners and residents that are trying to make the City look better.
* Asked committee chairpersons to start thinking of 2020 budget.
* Ken Kaub’s retirement party was very nice. 20 people came.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT: none

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISC. BUSINESS:

* Utke asked how the Public hearing ended on 6-24-19. The Mayor stated that committee will dissolve and that current code will be enforced. The Public Hearing minutes will be on the 8-5-19 Council agenda.

Motion by Jordan/Streich to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:27 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin