CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

2-3-2020

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Doudna

Members Present: Jim Houdek, Barbara Barton, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich, Dennis Schrimpf, Joanna Jackman

Excused: Barb Jordan, Karlene Utke

Others Present: Ron Knutson, Paul Ninneman, Marilyn Merrill

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

Motion by Mugler/Streich to approve 1-6-20 Council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to approve the January, 2020 voucher list. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Streich to approve the 1-23-20 License and Ordinance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Houdek/Mugler to approve the 1-30-20 Plan Commission minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Houdek/Streich to approve the 1-15-20 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barton/Mugler to approve the 1-16-20 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM BARBARA BARTON, WARD ONE ALDERPERSON.

Motion by Jackman/Streich to accept the resignation of Barbara Barton as Ward One Alderperson effective 4-1-20. Motion carried.

1. ACCEPT MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT FOR WARD ONE ALDERPERSON REPLACEMENT.

Motion by Jackman/Houdek to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Marilyn Merrill as Ward One Alderperson replacement for Barbara Barton effective 4-1-20 through April, 2021. Motion carried.

1. APPROVE WATER TOWER AGREEMENT.

Motion by Mugler/Streich to approve the Water Tower Lease Agreement as presented. Motion carried. (City Attorney and Water Tower Attorney have approved)

1. 1ST READING OF FEE SCHEDULE A-400-PARK RENTAL FEES.

Motion by Mugler/Streich to accept the first reading of Fee Schedule A-400-Park Rental Fees with additional line added. Motion carried.

1. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 136-6-ADOPTION OF CODES (BUILDING)

Motion by Mugler/Houdek to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance 136-6-Adoption of Codes (Building). Motion carried.

1. CENSUS INFORMATION.

Mayor Doudna stated that the 2020 Census count will be starting soon and that Keri Solis, Marquette County will be administering information County Wide. Any questions can be directed to her.

1. APPROVE ADDITIONAL 2020 ELECTION OFFICIALS.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to approve the following additional election workers:

Judie Jones, Kathy Loveland, Marge Schultz. Motion carried.

1. DISCUSS, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION THE CREATION OF A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZTION COMMITTEE.

* Mayor stated that two years ago a Connect Communities group was formed through WEDC.
* Mayor is asking Council that a City committee be created called Downtown Revitalization.
* If approved to move forward, this would go before the License and Ordinance Committee to create and set City Code. Committee would consist of two alderpersons and three citizens.
* Mayor feels that if this committee is formed it would make it easier to receive Grants.

Motion by Schrimpf/Mugler to create a Revitalization City Committee. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

* The Mayor and Venise Mugler have applied for a Grant through WEDC. Will know in March if City of Montello will be a recipient. (this is a Federal Grant which would be 70% Grant paid and 30% owner paid)

Motion by Schrimpf/Mugler to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:33 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin