CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

9-8-20

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Houdek

Members Present: Sue Kozlowski, Marilyn Merrill, Venise Mugler, Barb Jordan, Ken Streich, Ron Knutson, Dennis Schrimpf, Brian Schrimpf

Others Present: Matt Faltz

Motion by Streich/Jordan to move New Business Agenda item A to the beginning of the agenda. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**.

The Council was given the 2019 Financial statement Draft at the June council meeting. Craig Corning, CPA was present to answer any questions the Council may have and inform the Council where the City stands financially.

* Not a lot of changes from 2018 to 2019. Only major change was an increase in debt and that was due to the construction, which the City knew was coming because of the DOT highway projects. (this new debt is all utilities)
* Accounts payable was under budget, which will help increase fund balance. (majority of the savings was from contracting with the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department)
* Talked about the water and sewer funds and the debt that the utilities have acquired due to the road projects. The water increase (which the Council also knew was coming as it’s been talked about for over a year) will help with the new debt payment.
* Re-financing on the 1999 and 2007 bond issues will be looked into, along with the 2016 and 2019 notes. With the interest rates as low as they are now, savings for the City could be approximately $90,000 on just the refinancing of the 1999 and 2007 notes.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve 8-3-20 Council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Streich/Jordan to approve the July and August, 2020 voucher lists. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/Mugler to approve the 8-27-20 Board of Review minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Knutson/Streich to approve the 8-25-20 License and Ordinance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/D. Schrimpf to approve the 8-19-20 Park Board minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Kozlowski to approve the 8-19-20 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve the 8-13-20 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

1. **APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 194-7 M GENERAL MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Every property owner shall, obtain and display in a conspicuous place on his/her property the number assigned. The numbers must be securely attached to the front of the building and not higher than the first or ground level of the building so that the number can be plainly seen from the street on which the building is located. In case a building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate front entrance must display a separate number. Numbers must be a minimum of 3” in height. Motion by Jordan/Mugler to accept second reading of Ordinance 194-7. Motion carried.

1. **APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 117-6 E RESTRICTIONS OF DOGS AND CATS**:

There shall be a maximum of 3 dogs per residence or business. Residents who have more than 3 dogs at time of adoption of this Ordinance may be grandfathered in, with proper proof of those dogs having been licensed in the City of Montello prior to adoption of this ordinance. Motion by Streich/Merrill to accept second reading of Ordinance 117-6. Motion carried.

**D. APPROVE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 278-12 STATE ATV AND UTV LAWS ADOPTED**:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) in State of Wisconsin Chapter 23.33 are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this chapter. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this code. Motion by Knutson/Streich to accept second reading of Ordinance 278-12. Motion carried.

1. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 17-10 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE.**
   * + - 1. Composition. The downtown Revitalization Committee shall consist of 7 members. The 7 – person committee will be comprised of 2 alders that represent the downtown district, 2 downtown business owners, 1 representative of Connect Communities, 1 representative from the Montello Area Chamber of Commerce, and 1 citizen representative.
         2. Goal. To support downtown community development.
         3. Purpose. To help build healthy neighborhoods in Montello, by partnering with residents to advance their educational, economic, physical and spiritual wellbeing, as well as to help create a flourishing business district that is a destination for residents and visitors.
         4. Duties. To develop and implement a strategy for revitalizing downtown Montello.

Motion by Knutson/Kozlowski to accept the First reading of Ordinance 17-10. Motion carried.

CONSENT LIBRARY MINUTES.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Barb Jordan stated her concern about a recent wedding held that produced some positive COVID cases.

Motion by Knutson/Streich to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:50 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin