CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

4-3-23

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Houdek

Members present: Lucas Stelter, Bill Faulkner, Venise Mugler, Ron Knutson, Dennis Schrimpf, Brian Schrimpf

Member Excused: Ken Streich

Others Present: Matt Faltz, Fred Logeman, Mike Kohnke

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

Motion by Mugler/Faulkner toapprove council minutes from 3-6-23. Motion carried.

Motion by Knutson/D. Schrimpf to approve the March voucher list. Motion carried.

Motion by Knutson/Mugler to approve the 3-7-23 Plan Commission minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/Mugler to approve the 3-15-23 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/Stelter to approve 3-8-23 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

* Mike Kohnke stated concerns that he had regarding the recent Plan Commission decision to deny a rezoning request on Carriage Road to a short-term rental. He said that the complaints the Plan Commission heard were not true. He stated that the property seeking the rezoning has been operating as a VRBO rental for three years and just leaned that they needed to be rezoned, then went through the process. Kohnke said that during the three years that it was operating there were no complaints registered with the police department and that before the Plan Commission meeting he spoke with the next-door neighbor and said they had no issues with the rental. However, two days later at the Plan Commission meeting the neighbor spoke against the rezone. Kohnke stated that the people who came to the public hearing live a quarter mile away on another road. He felt their safety concerns were far-fetched. (they stated that there is a lack of police presence and road access). He stated that there is more police presence in the City than there has been for a long time. He feels that rentals help bring in new people to the community and brought in tax monies. The couple was denied a rezone by doing the right thing (applying for a rezone) and now they can’t rent out their property as they were denied a rezone.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

* Reminder to vote on 4-4-23
* Reminded Council of the Re-organizational meeting on 4-18-23

Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:16 pm.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin