CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

4-4-22

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Houdek

Members Present: Sue Kozlowski, Lucas Stelter, Venise Mugler, Barb Jordan, Ken Streich, Brian Schrimpf

Members Excused: Ron Knutson, Dennis Schrimpf

Others Present: Fred Logemann, Matt Faltz, Shirley Lynch

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

Motion by Streich/Kozlowski to approve 3-7-22 Council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve the 3-30-22 Building and Purchase minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Streich/Jordan to approve the March, 2022 voucher list. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve the 3-21-22 Special Finance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stelter/Jordan to approve the 3-22-22 Downtown Revitalization minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/Kozlowski to approve the 3-16-22 License and Ordinance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kozlowski/Stelter to approve the 3-16-22 Park Board minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Streich to approve the 3-15-22 Plan Commission minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kozlowski/B. Schrimpf to approve the 3-16-22 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve the 3-9-22 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

* 1. DISCUSS, WITH ACTION, RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ORDER TO RAZE AND REMOVE BUILDING – 13 W. MONTELLO ST.

Motion by Jordan/Mugler to approve Resolution 2022-01, authorizing the order to raze and remove building -13 W. Montello St.

Roll Call Vote: Sue Kozlowski-yes Lucas Stelter-yes Venise Mugler-yes Barb Jordan-yes Ken Streich-yes Brian Schrimpf-yes Motion carried.

 Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-2

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**: Sue Kozlowski, Ward one Alderperson stated her concern for vulgar flags that were in the city. Along with her concern she’s had parents and students express their concerns to her. Kozlowski stated that this is NOT a political concern; but a moral and decency concern. Mayor Houdek stated that this has been an issue since the previous presidential election and that the city has received many complaints about them. The City Attorney has been contacted and told that these people are protected by the First Amendment, as they were not directly threatening somebody. Kozlowski asked if there was a local ordinance that could help with this situation. Houdek pulled up an email he received from the City Attorney which explained the reasons why listed ordinances wouldn’t help this situation either. Houdek went on to explain that the property owners have been asked about taking them down and that didn’t work. The city would most certainly lose a legal case if they were to force them down, as the flags were covered by a Supreme Court case. Houdek said it was a nationwide issue.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**:

* Reminder of the April 19, 2022 Re-organization meeting.

Motion by Kozlowski/Jordan to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:33 pm.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin