CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

9-5-23

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Jim Houdek

Members Present: Lucas Stelter, Bill Faulkner, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich, Ronald Knutson, Dennis Schrimpf, Brian Schrimpf

Others Present: Matt Faltz, Tom Bowman, Tyler Banks, Rebekah Higgins, James Young, Josh Scarberry

Motion by Streich/B. Schrimpf to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to approve 8-7-23 Council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/Mugler to approve the 8-28-23 Board of Review minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stelter/Faulkner to approve the 9-5-23 Special Finance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/Streich to approve the 8-16-23 Park Board minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Streich/Faulkner to approve the 8-29-23 Plan Commission minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/Mugler to approve the 8-16-23 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/Mugler to approve the 8-9-23 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

CONSENT LIBRARY MINUTES.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION 2023-05: APPROVE BANK LOAN FROM NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK AND TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A LINE OF CREDIT TO FUND SHORT-TERM CASH FLOW DEFICITS.

Motion by Streich/Faulkner to approve Resolution 2023-05. Stelter-yes, Faulkner-yes, Mugler-yes, Streich-yes, Knutson-yes, Dennis Schrimpf-yes, Brian Schrimpf-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

1. APPROVE ARPA VOUCHERS. Motion by Streich/Mugler to approve the ARPA VOUCHERS for:

* Greg Wright Law Office
* Oyster Crackers
* The Rusty Star
* Weezie’s Town Pump
* River’s Edge Motion carried.

1. DISCUSS, WITH ACTION REZONE REQUEST AT 497 LAKE STREET, MONTELLO, WI.

Motion by Streich/Faulkner to approve the rezone of 497 Lake Street from B-3 to R-3. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

* Citizen James Young asked questions regarding the latest Board Of Appeal meeting and decision.
* Josh Scarberry, the new owner of buildings located at 13 and 15 W. Montello St. asked for an extension to the Raze and Remove Order he received on these properties. He stated that he had talked to Mike Kohnke, Director of Public Works before buying the buildings ( paid $2000) and was not told that there was a Raze and Remove order on the properties. Mayor Houdek stated that he did not know what Kohnke knew about the property. Kohnke was not at the meeting when the Raze and Remove order was voted on. Houdek also stated that he felt that the previous owner should have revealed that there was a Raze and Remove order in place and that there should be some legal recourse. Houdek stated that there has been 8 different owners of these buildings and have been given chances by the city to fix the properties. None of the previous owners have done so and felt that this time would be no different. Council members also stated that the previous owner knew about the Raze and Remove order and should have revealed that at the time of purchase. The properties were listed on Marketplace starting at $35,000. The price was dropped until it was listed as free. The council also suggested that he go back to the previous owner or seek legal advice.

No action could be taken as it was not on the agenda. The Mayor told Mr. Scarberry to put in writing his request for a 6 month extension and to be put on the October Council Agenda.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Houdek wished Officer Eric Briske well as he starts his duties as a County wide Officer and welcomed new officer Brittney Beahm.

Motion by Streich/Mugler to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:45 pm.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin