CITY OF MONTELLO

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6-17-25

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Acting Mayor Ken Streich.

Present: Dick Dufour, Bill Faulkner, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich, Ron Knutson, Brian Schrimpf

Member Excused: Dennis Schrimpf

1. Appeal of Dustin Esselman (Owner of The Quarry) of Stop Work Order by City Building Inspector for Building Permit #25-0030-39-251, and for the notice of violations and citations for beginning and continuing construction of the structure without a building permit, pursuant to City Ord. sec. 136-23 (44 W. Montello Street).

Owner of the Quarry addressed the council and asked about the fines still in place pending appeal process. Council asked questions of Tim Tripp and Dustin Esselman for clarification. After discussion a Motion by Dick Dufour, seconded by Venise Mugler to modify the decision to impose fines beginning on July 1 to hold those fines in abeyance the stay on the fines would be lifted if any work is performed except or allowed by the building permit and work on the roof that does not involve structural repair. Should there not be final approval within 120 days or some later date approved by the council all structural work done shall be removed and the property restored to the condition prior to unauthorized work being performed.

Roll Call vote: Dufour-yes, Faulkner-yes, Mugler-yes, Streich-yes, Knutson-yes, Brian Schrimpf-yes Motion carried.

1. Appeal of Dustin Esselman (Owner of River’s Edge) of Expired Building Permit #22-0037 addressed in letter from GEC pursuant of City Ord. Sec. 136-23 (24 W. Montello Street) After discussion a Motion by Dick Dufour, seconded by Venise Mugler to modify the decision to impose fines beginning on July 1 to hold those fines in abeyance the stay on the fines would be lifted if any work is performed on the property involving structural modifications or any other work requiring a permit without a valid permit. Should there be no final plan approval within 120 days or some later date approved by the council the fines will be reinstated starting 10 business days after the expiration of this stay.

Roll call vote: Dufour-yes, Faulkner-yes, Mugler-yes, Streich-yes, Knutson-yes, Brian Schrimpf-yes Motion carried.

1. Notice of Resignation from Mayor Jim Houdek – Effective June 15, 2025. Jim Houdek has resigned as Mayor effective June 15, 2025. Ken Streich will be acting Mayor until the Spring election in April, 2026.

D. Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:16 PM.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin