CITY OF MONTELLO

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

7-7-25

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

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

Others Present: Marilyn Merrill, Matt Faltz, Karyn Kitigade, Gina Arnieri, Shirley Lynch, Dustin Esselman

Motion by D. Schrimpf/Dufour to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Knutson/Faulkner to approve 6-2-25 Council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dufour/Mugler to approve 6-17-25 Special Council minutes. Motion carried.

June 2025 vouchers will be approved at the August Finance meeting because of no quorum.

Motion by Knutson/Faulkner to approve the 6-24-25 Downtown Revitalization minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/Dufour to approve the 6-18-25 License and Ordinance minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to approve the 6-17-25 Plan Commission minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dufour/Mugler to approve the 6-18-25 Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/B. Schrimpf to approve the 6-11-25 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN MERRILL TO ALDERPERSON WARD ONE.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/B. Schrimpf to approve the appointment of Marilyn Merrill to Alderperson, Ward one. Motion carried. Dawn Calnin gave the Oath of Office to Marilyn.

1. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

Motion by Dufour/B. Schrimpf to accept the committee assignment recommendations from Acting Mayor Streich. Motion carried.

* Board of Review – Marilyn Merrill
* Finance – Brian Schrimpf
* Personnel – Marilyn Merrill
* Public Welfare and Health – Marilyn Merrill with Bill Faulkner as Chair
* Fire District – Ken Streich
1. RESOLUTION 2025-03, FIRE PROTECTION FEE SCHEDULE.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/Knutson to approve Resolution 2025-03, new Fire Protection fee schedule. (On file in Clerk/Treasurer’s office.)

 MAYOR COMMENTS:

* Thanked the Chamber and Rotary for the fireworks.
* Asking the Chairperson to have proposed 2026 budget in by the end of August.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

* Venise Mugler asked Dustin Esselman if he has gotten his window taken care of. Esselman stated that his contractor has been busy and hopes to have it done in the next couple of weeks.
* Shirley Lynch stated she was treated unfairly by the City in regards to her former barber shop and stated because of the loss of that building she’s had a difficult time being approved for loans. She’s asked the City to compensate for her hardship by paying an $18,000 loan.

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Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:24 pm.

Minutes by Dawn Calnin