

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 29, 2008

PRESENT: Charles Rollins
Dean Lay
Marvin Brannan
Bud Knott
Lex Orr

The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Charles Rollins.

Following the prayer and pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Troop 212, the Minutes of the meetings of November 5, 12, 19, 27, December 3, 10, 18, January 7, 14, and 21 were approved on a motion by Ald. Orr which was seconded by Ald. Knott and passed 5/0.

COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

1. POLICE DEPT – Copy attached

Chief Virgil McNeece said that the city has been approved for a \$47,000.00 grant which is to be used to purchase equipment and for overtime pay for officers. He discussed the overtime for dispatchers while we were shorthanded and said he would be asking E 911 to reimburse the city for that expense.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached

Chief Kelly Layne reported that two tires on #263 need to be replaced. He got three prices, the lowest of which was \$374.00 each. He was asked to also get a price from Heath Oil Company. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the purchase of new tires for #263 not to exceed \$800.00 and to charge this expenditure to 110-42200-260.

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Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 5/0. Chief Layne was asked to call about the door to the fire station. He asked if it was okay to pressure wash the fire engines as they need washing quite badly, and the council agreed to this.

- 3. PLANNING COMMISSION – Copy attached**
- 4. MAYOR – The mayor asked the council to approve the job descriptions that they have received, with the exception of the one for the Public Works Director which needs to be changed. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the job descriptions with changes to be made as needed. Ald. Lay seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 5. ALDERMEN – Ald. Lay discussed the billboard on city property at the convenience center. J. D. Oliver has done a proposed layout for a billboard and Ald. Lay thought the city could use something similar to this. He suggested talking to Charles Steufel to do a layout for the billboard. Ald. Lay said he would work on this and get some proposed costs for us. Mayor Rollins asked Ald. Knott to get the TDOT number off of the sign for our city attorney. Ald. Lay asked about picking up trash along our roadways. He said they are littered with trash and asked if we could get the trustees from the county jail to work on this. He also asked Chief McNeece about the junk cars that are supposed to be cleaned up by February 1st. Chief McNeece said he is working on this.**
- 6. CITY RECORDER – The city recorder said Mrs. Franklin from the Monteagle Assembly has offered a painting of the coke ovens done by her husband to the city. She asked the council if they wanted to accept this gift and they all agreed that they would like to have the painting. The city recorder also mentioned a local business man who got three gas bills with no usage on them and didn't feel he should have to pay those bills. The council asked to see the work orders to see when the gas was turned on.**

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUSINESS LICENSE – There was one application for a business license from Margaret Carruth for Moonshine Maggie’s. The council has asked our city attorney this question – if Ms. Carruth changes the nature of her business from a restaurant to a bar or lounge, would she need to apply for a new business license. Mr. Killian stated that, in his opinion, she would need a new license because she would be changing the nature of the business. Ald. Lay asked that this letter be made a part of the Minutes. Ms. Carruth noted that she would be having some entertainment at the restaurant. This was acceptable to the council as long as the nature of the business does not change from a restaurant to a bar or lounge. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the license with the understanding that if Ms. Carruth changes the nature of the business from a restaurant to a bar or lounge the license will no longer be valid and she will need to re-apply. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/1 on roll call with Ald. Lay voting no.**
- 2. BOY SCOUT TROOP #212 – The boy scouts are trying to raise money for their eight members to attend Scout Camp. The cost is \$170.00 per boy. They asked if there was a project they could do for the city to earn some money. Ald. Lay asked about picking up trash and the scout leaders agreed that this was a project the boys could handle. The question of safety was brought up and the scout leaders said there would be at least two adults with the boys at all times. Ald. Lay made a motion to work with Boy Scout Troop #212 on a litter program and to pay the troop an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 for the project, and to charge this off as street maintenance**

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and repairs. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call. A private citizen agreed to donate \$100.00 to the project and Gene Nixon agreed to donate \$260.00. Combined with the city's payment, this should allow all of the eight members to attend Scout Camp.

PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

1. MONTHLY REPORT – Copy attached

The report will be discussed at the Public Utility Board meeting on February 4th at 5:00.

CITIZENS HEARING

Alice Bradley asked about meeting dates. The city recorder told her when the meetings are scheduled. Kenneth Nunley said he has the cardboard recycling bins at the Convenience Center and he is having problems with people dumping trash in them. He asked if the city could help with this and the mayor told him we have the same problem with people dumping things that we don't accept. He asked if the city would put up a sign and the mayor said he would look at doing this.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder