

## **MINUTES**

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 28, 2008**

**PRESENT:**       **Charles Rollins**  
                  **Bud Knott**  
                  **Marilyn Nixon**  
                  **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 the Minutes of the meeting of September 30, 2008, which was recessed and reconvened on October 6, 2008, were approved as presented on a motion by Ald. Knott which was seconded by Ald. Orr and passed 4/0. The Mayor asked about an individual who had requested to be on the fire department and wanted to know about the city council approving such a request. Ald. Orr replied that this person was told that the council didn't have any problem with her being on the fire department as long as it was worked out with the fire chief. Ald. Knott noted that turnout gear that had been given to this person came from Tracy City even though it clearly belongs to the Monteagle Volunteer Fire Department and asked the police chief to look into this.**

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS**

##### **1. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**

**Chief McNeece reported that he has gotten quotes on the vests his department needs. They are \$439.95 from a company that has been approved on the state bid list. He also asked about having overtime for the officers on Halloween night. He requested that the council approve putting up "No U Turn" signs in town to keep 18-wheelers from turning around on Main Street. Ald. Knott made a motion to approve the purchase of vests at a cost of no more than \$2200.00. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed on roll call vote 4/0. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve overtime for Halloween and get a report back to the council on the amount of overtime. Ald. Knott seconded the motion**

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which carried 4/0. Ald Orr made a motion to authorize the mayor to have "No U Turn" signs posted where needed in town. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Ald. Nixon asked about hiring a part-time officer to work weekends. Chief McNeece said that he only has one officer on duty on the weekend right now and he could definitely use someone to work weekends. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve hiring a part-time officer for 30 hours per week as budgeted in the 2008-09 budget with this position to be posted before hiring anyone. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

**2. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**

Chief Kelly Layne turned in the application forms for the members of the volunteer fire department. Chief Layne reported that the Fire Department and Rescue Squad are now certified by the State of Tennessee. This hasn't been done in the past five years. He also asked the council to have the ceiling light fixtures in the old shop repaired. The mayor asked the city recorder to call Carly Payne to get this done.

**3. PLANNING COMMISSION – There was no meeting this month due to lack of business**

**4. MAYOR – The mayor asked if Don Burrows had been paid for the truck he repaired. The city recorder said he had been sent a check for the full amount and we will file a report with our insurance company. They will reimburse us for the covered portion of the bill. The mayor reported that he has hired Kevin Gilliam as Utility Supervisor. He noted that Mr. Gilliam has agreed to get re-certified in the licenses he had. He is under a 90-day probationary period at this time. Ald. Nixon noted that the reason this position was not posted is because the utility system is in an emergency situation. The mayor reported that the repairs to Moffat Street are now completed. He asked Mr. Gilliam to contact TDOT to see about the paving on Foresite and Trussell. There was a discussion**

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on Christmas decorations. Ald. Orr made a motion to have the chief of police contact Marion County to see if they will have any trustees available to decorate the median for Christmas and to have four timer switches put in the median between Assembly Avenue and the turn off for Tracy City. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it carried 4/0. The mayor reported that the sidewalk in front of Therapy Works has been rebuilt and the one in front of Builders Supply needs to be done. The mayor said he has a meeting set up tomorrow with two engineering firms to discuss STP #2 and the grinder pump system.

5. **ALDERMEN** – Ald. Orr asked about a check the city recorder has been holding made out to Rogers Group for stone on Wren's Nest Road. He said the reason he asked that the check be held is he wanted some clarification as to who is paying the bill on all of the work there. The mayor said that Joe Lester is to pay for a part of this and he will get with the Grundy County Mayor to see how much of this Mr. Lester is responsible for. Ald. Nixon presented the final art work for the billboard on I-24. The vinyl will go up after the November election since the billboard currently has an ad for one of the candidates. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the art work. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Ald. Knott reported that the police department and the utility are both in need of new walkie talkies. He said the company where the fire department bought theirs has a special going right now where you can buy 5 and get the 6<sup>th</sup> one free. He said we could get 12 walkies as well as holsters and lapel mics for under \$3500.00. Ald. Knot made a motion to approve the purchase of twelve walkies, twelve holsters, and twelve lapel mics for the police department, the water plant, and the utility department at a cost not to exceed \$3500.00. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it carried 4/0 on roll call. Ald. Knott also reported that the sludge truck at the sewer plant is in very bad shape and needs to be replaced. Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize Ald. Knott to work with John Condra to purchase a truck not to exceed \$12,000.00. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which carried 4/0 on roll call.

6. **CITY RECORDER** – None

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 08-24 – Second Reading – This ordinance is to establish the position of City Administrator. Ald. Orr made a motion to table this until a workshop can be held to look at a job description for this position. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. HAILEY ENGINEERING – a) Neal Westerman said he has talked to Dr. Urban and he is anxious for Monteagle to proceed with the grinder pump system on the Marion County side of town. He said Dr. Urban just wants to see something happening as soon as possible. Mr. Westerman noted that the plans for STP #2 will be submitted in December. He reported that the transfer of waste from STP #1 to STP #2 will require some upgrades at STP #1 and a pumping station in town. He told the council that we should be able to apply for an ARC or CDBG grant for funds to replace the interceptor on the Grundy County side by Monteagle Assembly. He also said that the SRF board meets to approve loan applications at the end of December or middle of January. Ald. Orr asked Mr. Westerman to have Anthony Pelham work with Kevin Gilliam to see that the CMOM report is done every month. b) Mr. Westerman asked the council to approve Change Order #1 for contract 108 with Crowder Construction. Ald. Knott made a motion to approve Change Order #1. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. The mayor signed the change order and Neal Westerman took all copies with him and will send them on to David Collette who will return a signed copy to us.**
- 3. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS – There were two applications for a business license: Bill Lynch for Comp E-R, a computer repair business operated from his home and Mi Kyong Ramey for the Asian Health Spa &**

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**Therapy in Andy Baggenstoss' building. Ald. Knott made a motion to approve both applications. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it carried 4/0.**

- 4. MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAIL UPDATE – Clayton Rogers presented the council with signed copies of two resolutions from the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance concerning the work the city will do on a portion of the trail. The mayor asked how they were coming on the property for the trail. Mr. Rogers noted that they are not purchasing any property for the trail, rather they are asking for easements to allow the trail to cross private property. Ald. Knott asked if the Mountain Goat Trail would follow the sidewalk in the median strip through town. Mr. Rogers said the plan just calls for a bike path along College Street where the walking trail already exists.**
- 5. FEMA - FLOOD MAP – In order for anyone in Monteagle who is in a flood plain to be eligible to purchase flood insurance, the council needs to adopt the Fema Flood Map. Ald. Orr made a motion to adopt the Flood Plain Map as presented. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 4/0.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD**

- 1. MSSA – Mayor Rollins said he and Lex Orr had met with the president of the MSSA and another representative. He is proposing that the residential units in the Assembly, approximately 161 of them, be billed at a residential rate. All commercial buildings would be billed at the commercial rate. The Assembly customers would winterize all meters and they would help with the cost of remote readers for all the meters in the Assembly. All lines within the Assembly will remain the property of the Monteagle Assembly. There was a discussion as to whether the homes in the Assembly that are rented out would be billed at a commercial rate. Ald. Knott made a motion to approve this plan as presented by the mayor. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed on roll call 4/0. Attorney Killian noted that we would need to amend our contract for water and sewer service with the Assembly. The Monteagle Assembly board meets on November 15<sup>th</sup> and Ron Buffington will let us know if they agree to**

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**this proposal.**

- 2. DISCONNECT POLICY –**
- 3. DISPUTED BILL POLICY –**
- 4. RED FLAG POLICY – Copies of these three policies were given to the Board to review for the next meeting.**

**CITIZENS HEARING**

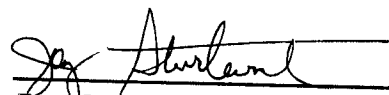
**Mary Jane Flowers thanked the city for providing the assistance of the police and fire departments for the Halloween parade.**

**Mayor Rollins reported that he had been asked by several people if he was resigning and he wanted to set the record straight - he is not resigning. He said he will serve either twenty years or until he is sent home.**

**Paul Klekotta showed the council a video that GCTV has done about the Cumberland Mountain area.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder**