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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2009

PRESENT: **Charles Rollins**
 Dean Lay
 Lexie Orr
 Bud Knott
 Marilyn Nixon

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, Ald. Knott made a motion to approve the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. Ald. Orr then made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meetings of March 31, and April 14 (which was recessed and reconvened on April 20), 2009. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

At this point the mayor changed the order of business to allow Kevin Gilliam to present the Utility Manager's report because he had an appointment. Mr. Gilliam reported on his recent activities including sending a memo on 4-24 to Angela Young of TDEC. He noted that the CMOM report was sent today. He told the council that there will be a meeting on June 5th at Tracy City Public Utility. He plans to attend that meeting. He informed the council that the pipebursting work is going on at this time. He said he had received a letter from Sprint. The city attorney has looked at it and approved it. They have agreed to release the city of any liability due to their work on our water tank. Ald. Orr

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made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute a contract with Sprint for the work on their antenna atop our water tank with a copy of the memo from the city attorney attached. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. Mr. Gilliam said he has not received anything from SRF except that they have required us to approve water and sewer rates for 2011. The Resolution supporting those rates was not sufficient. They want the council to pass the actual rates. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the rates supported by the Resolution and to authorize Kevin Gilliam to forward the rate sheet to SRF. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 3/2 on roll call with Ald. Lay and Mayor Rollins voting no. Ald. Orr said he would like to publicly thank Kevin Gilliam for the fine job he is doing for us. Ald. Lay asked about hand held meter readers and Mr. Gilliam said he did not have anything on this yet. Mayor Rollins asked about the meter at the outfall. He wanted to know if it was accurate. Mr. Gilliam said it had been set up wrong, but that has been corrected. Anthony Pelham said he had received the shop drawings for the dewatering boxes and is studying them.

- 1. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**
- 2. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**

The chief asked about training on May 16th and 17th. Ald. Nixon made a motion to approve training for Chief Layne on those two dates. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

- 3. PLANNING COMMISSION – No meeting**
- 4. MAYOR – None**
- 5. ALDERMEN – None**
- 6. CITY RECORDER – None**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2009 AUDIT CONTRACT – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the contract with Johnson, Murphey, and Wright. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed**

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- 2. LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE – No. 09-25 – First reading – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 09-25 on first reading. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. The seconded reading will be May 26th.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS – There were two applications for business licenses: A.) CVS Pharmacy – Main Street – Ald. Lay made a motion to approve this license. Ald. Orr seconded the motion which carried 5/0. B.) Natural Spa – William Ritzer – Andy Baggenstoss’ building – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve this license. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 2. PARKS, RECREATION, & LIBRARY COMMITTEE – The names recommended for this committee are: Marilyn Nixon, Lex Orr, Mary Jane Flowers, Carter Underhill, and Ty Burnett. There will be two additional people added to the list. Ald. Lay asked about terms for these committee members and the council agreed that their term would be the same as the current council’s. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve these five names. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT – The fire department is applying for a grant to purchase a truck at a cost of \$270,000.00 . Ald. Nixon made a motion to approve applying for a maximum grant of \$400,000.00 with the city matching up to \$20,000.00. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call. Ald. Lay asked if we have a place to park the truck if the grant is approved. Chief Layne said they have two other vehicles that would go out of commission if they get this truck.**
- 4. SPARKLE WEEK – Ald. Orr made a motion that Sparkle Week this year be held the week of May 11 through 15th. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 5/0.**

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- 5. E-911 DIRECTOR – Wanda McDaniels has asked to be placed on salary as the new director of 911. Ald. Knott made a motion to put the E-911 Director on salary. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. Ald. Lay asked if this changed her amount of pay and was told that it does not. There was a discussion on the budget for E-911 and it was agreed to discuss this at the workshop on May 5th.**
- 6. CITY MANAGER – There was a brief discussion on the need for a city manager. Ald. Orr made a motion to include funds for this position in the 2009-10 budget. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which passed 4/1 on roll call vote with the mayor voting no.**
- 7. RELAY FOR LIFE – The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Relay for Life through the Blackberry Winter Ball. Ald. Orr made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Relay for Life. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it carried 5/0 on roll call. Ald. Nixon made a motion to not accept the two free tickets for the event that come with a \$250.00 donation. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 8. CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Ald. Lay made a motion to approve the proposal from Earl Geary to serve as the Codes Enforcement Officer at a fee of \$900.00 per month effective July 1, 2009. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call.**
- 9. RESOLUTION 2009-134A– Franklin County Growth Plan – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve this Resolution. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 10. LIBRARIAN – Acknowledgment for Personnel Policy – It was reported that the Librarian has refused to sign the acknowledgment that she was given with the Personnel Policy. It was noted that all employees on the city’s payroll - full-time and part-time are required to sign the acknowledgment. Mrs. Tittle said the reason she refused to sign it is that she is not an employee of the city. She said that she works for the Grundy County Library Board. It was stated that the**

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pays Mrs. Tittle for 26 hours per week. Grundy County and Marion County each pay seven hours per week. Ald. Orr made a motion to assign this to the newly formed Parks, Recreation, and Library Committee to review and make a recommendation to the council. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CITIZENS HEARING

Linda Sherrill asked if the Town of Monteagle has applied for any of the stimulus funds. She was informed that the city is doing that through the Southeast Tennessee Development District.

Mary Jane Flowers said there would be a workshop on the city's website on May 11th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor announced the meeting and workshop dates for May.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder