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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 26, 2009

PRESENT: **Charles Rollins**
 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. Orr made a motion to approve the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Ald. Orr then made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting and the Beer Board meeting of April 28, 2009, and the Public Utility Board meeting of May 12, 2009, which was recessed and reconvened on May 14th. Ald Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

- 1. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**
- 2. E-911 – Copy attached**
- 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**
- 4. PLANNING COMMISSION – Copy attached**
- 5. MAYOR – None**
- 6. ALDERMEN – None**

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7. CITY RECORDER – None

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE – NO. 09-25 – Second Reading – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**
- 2. WREN’S NEST ROAD – Ald. Orr gave the council members a copy of a drawing he did that shows the measurements of Wren’s Nest Road and Eagle Cliff Road. This can be used to determine how much of the gravel and paving should be paid by Harton Realty. The mayor said he will meet with Turkey Hargis to ask him to help determine the costs that should be applied to each road. Ald. Knott made a motion to authorize the mayor to meet with Turkey Hargis to determine these costs and to bill Harton Realty for their share of the costs. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it carried 4/0.**
- 3. EQUALIZATION TANK – This will be discussed at the regular Utility meeting on June 9th.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BALLPARK – It was reported that the roof of the concession stand and the one on the press box are leaking. The mayor said it will take about \$600.00 to buy metal for the two roofs. The city crew will do the repairs. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$600.00 for material for the concession stand and the press box at the ballpark with the labor to be done by city personnel. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 4/0.**
- 2. WEB SITE – Ald. Nixon reported that work is progressing on the web site. She noted that Bill Lynch needs the information sheet he gave each of the council members to fill out and asked each one to turn theirs in as quickly as possible. She reported that the web site should be up and running by July 1st.**

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- 3. PLANTS FOR THE MEDIAN – Ald. Orr reported that there are 22 poles in the median which hold two hanging baskets each. In addition, there are two beds – one at each end of the median. Also we have about 10 or 12 urns located at the city hall and the Annex building. These would all cost about \$30.00 each to provide plants for them. The total cost will be about \$1750.00. Ald. Orr stated that we have money in the beautification budget for this and made a motion to approve up to \$1750.00 for plants in the median. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which passed 4/0 on roll call.**
- 4. COPY MACHINE FOR CITY HALL – The copy machine that was purchased for the police department was delivered to city hall due to the fact that the copier there was not working. The copier was taken in for repairs which were estimated to cost between \$400.00 and \$500.00. A new copier would be \$1495.00. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve payment of \$1495.00 for a new copier and to have it delivered to the police department. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on roll call.**
- 5. 2009-10 BUDGET – FIRST READING – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the 2009-10 budget on first reading. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 4/0.**
- 6. ORDINANCE NO. 09-26A – 2006 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES – The mayor explained that it is necessary to pass this ordinance in order for the city to keep the revenues from building permits. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve Ordinance N0. 09-26A on first reading. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried 4/0.**

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PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

1. MANAGER'S REPORT

- A) Elder water line relocation – Kevin Gilliam said he had looked at the plans for relocating this line and will oversee the moving of the line. The mayor pointed out that the city has received a letter from Bill Killian stating that this line up to and including the meters belongs to the city even though it is on private property. He said it is illegal for the city to deliver water through a private line. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve moving the city water line on Mr. Elder's property at the expense of the property owner with our utility director overseeing and inspecting the project. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. B) Sprint – Mr. Gilliam presented an amendment to the contract for the work Sprint is doing on their antenna which is on our water tank by the police department. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the amendment and authorize the mayor to sign the contract. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which passed 4/0. C) TDEC – Mr. Gilliam said he has talked to Dr. Urban about the ecoli monitoring and is expecting a certified letter from him. D) Application for a \$500,000.00 ARC grant – Mr. Gilliam said this application needs to be signed as soon as possible. Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the ARC grant application. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. E) Pipebursting – Mr. Gilliam asked the council to extend the contract for this work from \$97,649.95 to \$102,649.95. He said this was due to some problems with some of the manholes which will cost \$250.00 extra each, for an additional total of \$5000.00. The mayor said he was not in favor of the additional expenditure because we have a contract with the people doing the work for the amount of \$97,649.95 and if they ran into problems with some of the manholes that was just part of doing business. After a brief discussion, Ald. Orr made a motion to increase the funding for pipeburst-**

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ing from \$97,649.95 to \$102,649.95. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 3/1 on roll call with the mayor voting no.

- 2. REVIEW OF LICENSES – Ald. Orr said at the meeting on May 14th they discussed the wages of the Utility Manager and the licenses of current and new employees. He said the council agreed that those who are willing to become licensed should be rewarded for that. He said they had arrived at a figure of \$3750.00 for a license. He also said the council had agreed on a raise for the Utility Manager which will take effect with the next paycheck. It was agreed to review the licenses for existing employees at the next workshop on June 2nd. Ald. Nixon stated that we need to look at the employees in all departments who have licenses or certifications, not just the utility department.**

CITIZENS HEARING

Mary Jane Flowers said she wanted to thank the council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for their donation to the Blackberry Winter Ball. She also asked the council to discuss at their June 23rd workshop what assistance will be given to the Chamber for the Mountain Market coming up in July.

John Condra said he would like to report that the sewer plant passed the total nitrogen test for the first time ever.

Wayne Davis asked the council to consider an adjustment of his water bill. He said he had checked everything at his house and he does not have a leak, but his billed jumped enormously. The mayor told him they would look at this in their workshop on June 2nd.

Virginia Uden invited everyone to the Monteagle Assembly's Open House on Saturday, June 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – The mayor read the schedule of meetings and workshops that will be coming up in the month of June.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder