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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 30, 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. Lay made a motion to approve the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. At this time Ald. Nixon made a motion to accept the Minutes received in their packets, but not to approve them. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. The Minutes covered by this motion were the City Council and Beer Board meetings of May 26, 2009, the special Public Utility Board meeting of June 2, 2009, and the June 9, 2009, Public Utility Board meeting. Ald. Nixon then presented the council members with a handout covering items she wanted discussed and asked that the two-page handout be made a part of the Minutes. The Mayor noted that the items on the handout had not been discussed at the workshop and could not be discussed at this meeting.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached

The council complimented the police chief on the new signs that have been painted on the squad cars.

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2. E-911 – Copy attached

Ald. Lay said the software for the Marion County 911 calls has been ordered.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached

4. PLANNING COMMISSION – Copy attached

5. MAYOR – None

6. ALDERMEN – Ald. Nixon asked the council to look at the memo she received from Don Darden of MTAS stating that elected officials can serve as auxiliary police and volunteer firemen. Ald. Knott asked about the fireworks for the 4th of July and the mayor told him they had been picked up today.

7. CITY RECORDER – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE – NO. 09-26A – Second Reading – This ordinance adopts the 2006 International Building Codes. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve this ordinance on second and final reading. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

2. 2009-10 BUDGET – Third Reading – Ald. Lay made a motion to amend the 2009-10 budget to reduce the 911 budget by \$60,000.00 with this amount to be spread out over salaries, social security, medicare, and insurance. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/1 on roll call with the mayor voting no. Ald. Lay then made a motion to approve a 3% raise for the employee that cleans the senior citizen's building. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. Ald. Nixon made a motion that there will be an allotted amount for raises but

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they will not be given until the evaluations are done and that they will be retroactive to July 1st when they are approved. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. Following these amendments to the budget, Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the 2009-10 budget on third reading. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/1 with the mayor voting no.

- 3. GRUNDY HOUSING BYPASS – Kevin Gilliam said he was still working on this and will complete it within the next week.**
- 4. EQ TANK STATUS REPORT – Kevin Gilliam said he has all of the information on these expenses and will be putting it on a spreadsheet and have it ready next week.**
- 5. MSSA CONTRACT – Ald. Lay reported that we will be having Hailey Engineering do a study on this. They will finish the rate study they are doing first.**
- 6. FORMAL COMPLAINT – The council will have a workshop on this July 7th or July 14th.**
- 7. OCCUPANCY TAX AUDITS – The auditor who did the audit on the occupancy tax that showed a substantial amount of unpaid taxes recommended that the city do an audit for 2008-09 to compare that year with audits for previous years. Ald. Lay made a motion to do a 2008-09 audit on the business with a disputed amount of occupancy tax owed to the city. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 8. UPDATE ON SONIC – Mayor Rollins said he had been trying to contact Turkey Hargis, but has not been able to get in touch with him. He will have figures for this as soon as he can talk to Mr. Hargis.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS – There were two applications for a business license. The first one was from Deborah Nunley for Tiki Tan on**

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Highway 41 for a tanning salon. Ald. Nixon made a motion to approve this application. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. The application from Mike Yarworth for CMC Promotions was not considered as Mr. Yarworth was not present at the meeting.

- 2. MOUNTAIN MARKET – The Chamber has asked the city to consider additional electrical connections for the pavilion and the area where the food vendors set up. They were presented with a cost estimate of doing the work with the city crew. The connections for the pavilion would be about \$800.00 and the hookups for the food vendors would be about \$1300.00. Ald. Lay made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$2100.00 for the additional electrical hookups to be charged to budget number 41000 260. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 5/0.**
- 3. SURPLUS INVENTORY – Kevin Gilliam said he did not have anything further to report on this at this time.**
- 4. TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM – Ald. Nixon had documents for a grant which would match 50% of our expenditure for tourism development up to \$5,000.00. She made a motion to apply for the tourism grant. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 5. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY – The mayor said he is working on this and will report on it later.**
- 6. LZ PAD – The fire chief said this needs to be repainted. There was also a discussion on the access to the LZ pad. The mayor said he remembered that Howard Land had traded areas with the city and the driveway into the landing zone belongs to the city. He will check on this. Ald. Lay made a motion to authorize the mayor to work with the city employees on painting the LZ pad and to pursue the right-of-way issue. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 5/0.**

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PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

- 1. HAILEY ENGINEERING – Anthony Pelham gave an update on items they are working on at this time. He said they are working on the contract for the sludge de-watering boxes. They are also working on the rate study which is about 90-95% ready. He hopes they will have something ready for the July 7th workshop. He noted that we recently received the draft permit for the new STP and will be advertising the project soon. They are working on meeting the ARRA requirements as well as working on a final correction plan. Ald. Nixon asked if Hailey feels comfortable that they will be ready once the ARRA money is in place and he said he did. Mr. Pelham asked about a copy of a letter he got from TDOT about a permit and didn't know what it was for. The mayor asked him to contact TDOT. Ald. Lay asked about the Pelham residents who are on wells for a water supply. He feels we should address this issue before TDEC requires us to do something. Mr. Gilliam said we would not know who is impacted until we finish the dye test. The mayor also asked Mr. Gilliam to check on two houses on Goodman Layne that are on wells and need to be tested. The mayor will get with him on the location of these houses.**
- 2. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Gilliam requested additional funding of \$10,247.09 for LTS Construction due to an error in calculation that he made. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the additional \$10,247.09 for LTS Construction. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it carried 4/0 with Ald. Lay passing on roll call.**
- 3. PIERS FOR SEWER LINE ON LAUREL LAKE DRIVE – Mr. Gilliam said he had obtained one quote for \$3125.00 from R W Construction. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve repairing the piers at a cost of \$3125.00. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call.**
- 4. MOWING AROUND CITY'S WATER TANK – Mr. Gilliam reported that a resident mows the grass around the city's water tank on the east end of town. He said he would like to write him a letter concerning this. Ald. Orr made a**

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motion to approve sending the letter. Ald. Lay seconded the motion which passed 5/0.

- 5. TDEC CREDITS FOR SEWER WORK – Mr. Gilliam said he is still working with Glenn Hill from Teledyne. This is ongoing work and he will try to have some information for the utility meeting.**
- 6. LAKE LEVELS – Mr. Gilliam reported that Laurel Lake is about 10 feet below crest and Lake Louisa is down about 9". We have been pumping from Lake Louisa this past week.**
- 7. HAND HELD METER READER – This will be discussed at the July 7th workshop.**
- 8. DYE TESTING – We have received information on this from Griggs & Maloney about the locations they would like to test. We have a copy of the work plan they submitted to TDEC.**
- 9. LICENSES – Ald. Lay asked Kevin Gilliam about his tests and Mr. Gilliam said he had passed the tests for Water Treatment Plant Grade 4 and the Collection System Grade 2. There was a discussion of the fact that we still do not have a certified operator at STP #1 which we are required to do under the Agreed Order. Ald. Lay said they had discussed at a previous meeting and agreed to \$3750.00 for employees who receive a license or certification. Ald. Orr made a motion that the utility director be compensated for the two licenses he has received from the date of May 7, 2009. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mayor announced that city hall would be closed on Friday, July 3rd for the 4th of July holiday. He then read the dates of the July workshops and meetings.

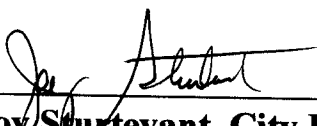
CITIZENS HEARING

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder