

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2009

PRESENT: **Dean Lay**
 Bud Knott
 Marilyn Nixon
 Lex Orr

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

Following the prayer and pledge of allegiance, Vice-Mayor Lay changed the order of business on the Agenda to have the reading of Ordinance 09-27 and the utility meeting first.

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 09-27 – This was the second reading for this ordinance which adopts a Property Maintenance Code. There was a discussion with Earl Geary in which he stated that he would not be responsible for sidewalks, weeds, rubbish, etc. Ald. Orr made the motion to approve Ordinance 09-27 on second and final reading. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

UTILITY MEETING

- 1. ANTHONY PELHAM – There was a discussion about the sludge boxes at the sewer plant. It was also reported that the bid opening for the new wastewater treatment plant will be at 2:00 PM on November 24th at City Hall. Mr. Pelham reported that the \$15,000.00 in fines that we recently received from TDEC was actually paid several months ago and was sent to us in error. However, he did note that we are at risk for additional fines on some items. Mr. Pelham reported that TDEC will not accept our letter of request for an extension unless there is a firm date. There was a discussion on abandoning the low pressure system and on additional pipe bursting. Ald. Orr made a motion to have Hailey Engineering notify the proper people that the grinder pump system in Marion County is being abandoned and to continue with Marion and Grundy pipe bursting. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried 4/0. It was noted that**

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no increase has been granted by TDEC for additional sewer credits at this time. We will need to submit more flow data.

At this time the council reverted to the order of business on the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached

GPS tracking for our vehicles was discussed. The chief and the mayor will get bids for this.

- 2. E-911 – There was a discussion on training for the dispatchers and the \$10,000.00 shortfall in the budget for 2009-10. A draft letter was written to the County Mayor about the \$10,000.00. Ald. Nixon made a motion that the letter be sent, but that we change the signature from the mayor to Dean Lay. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached

The was a discussion on the purchase of a used truck for the fire department to use as a rescue van since the other van is in bad shape. Ald. Knott made a motion to declare an emergency and to purchase a rescue vehicle immediately, bypassing the bid process. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Ald. Knott made a motion to authorize the mayor to purchase a rescue van for the fire department at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Chief Layne reported that their chainsaws need repair. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve getting the chainsaws repaired. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Chief Layne also reported that Randall Henley had put up all the new lights at the fire hall at no charge. There was a discussion on candy for the fire department and the Chamber of Commerce for Halloween. Ald. Nixon made a motion to purchase the candy for both groups. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. No limit was placed on the amount of candy that can be purchased.

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- 4. PLANNING COMMISSION – None (There was no meeting this month)**
- 5. MAYOR – None**
- 6. ALDERMEN – None**
- 7. CITY RECORDER – None**

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAIL – We have not received a document from Bill Killian yet. In order to move forward, Ald. Nixon made a motion to approve the agreement for Mtn Goat Trail. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Mr. Wilson’s request for a permit to have animals was tabled.**
- 2. LAUREL LAKE DRIVE – Vice Mayor Dean Lay noted that we need to do a Master Road Plan for the city streets. Bobby Rose said he would be glad to help establish the road plan for city street repairs. Ald. Nixon made a motion to work with the Local Planning Office to establish a Master Road Plan. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which carried 4/0.**
- 3. CITY ELECTION – Vice Mayor Lay announced that Tracy City is changing the date of their elections. After this year they will no longer be held the same date as ours. Ald. Nixon made a motion to hold our election on April 13, 2010, the same day as Tracy City. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**
- 4. GRUNDY COUNTY HOUSING BYPASS – Ald. Orr made a motion to have the city attorney draw up a demand letter to Grundy Housing Authority for payment of water that bypassed the meter. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**
- 5. SURPLUS VEHICLE BIDS – Following a five minute recess the bids for surplus vehicles were opened. Attached to these Minutes is a bid tabulation sheet. Ald. Orr made a motion to accept the high bid for each vehicle, to have the city recorder tabulate the bids, and notify the bid winner. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

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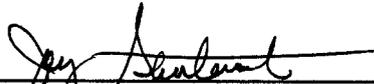
- 6. MONTEAGLE LIBRARY – Dean Lay presented a draft of an Operating Agreement. He asked that the council make any changes or additions that they wanted and send the draft to Baird Smith to review.**
- 7. FULTS DONATION – Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the deed from Frances Fults for the property she is donating to the city and to pay Kelly & Kelly for their fee to draw up the deed. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Ald. Nixon made a motion upon execution and filing of the deed that the city take bids on the house and any miscellaneous property to include moving the house off of the property and to have Bill Killian draw up any papers necessary for this action. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**
- 8. SAFETY DIRECTOR – Darryl Smith has been appointed Safety Director and the council discussed compensation for this work. Ald. Nixon made a motion to pay Mr. Smith \$500.00 per year to be paid quarterly for his additional duties. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**
- 9. TML CLAIM – Kevin Gilliam reported on this. Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize Kevin Gilliam to mail the letter as of this date as accepted by the council. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried 4/0.**
- 10. SENIOR CARE – There was a discussion on restarting this program of checking up on senior citizens during the day in consideration of the recent discovery of Barbar Murphy's body in her residence. Ald. Nixon made a motion to do Senior Care calls within the city limits of Monteagle. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**
- 11. HOLIDAYS – Ald. Nixon made a motion to give the employees a certificate for a turkey for Thanksgiving. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 4/0. Ald. Orr made a motion to give each employee a bonus with full-time employees receiving \$200.00 and part-time employees receiving \$100.00 and the firemen receiving \$100.00. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which carried 4/0.**
- 12. POLICE INSTRUCTOR – Ald. Knott made a motion to give Dewayne Dykes a raise of \$0.25/hour for being police training officer. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

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- 13. FORMAL COMPLAINT – Ald. Nixon made a motion that the letter from the city recorder not become a part of the Minutes. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Ald. Orr made a motion to accept the report from Dewayne Dykes. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. This item was then tabled.**
- 14. SEWANEE COMMUNITY CHEST – Monteagle usually donates \$100.00 to the Sewanee Community Chest since part of Monteagle is in Franklin County. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Sewanee Community Chest. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which carried 4/0.**
- 15. RATE STUDY – Kevin Gilliam presented the invoice for the rate study done by Hailey Engineering. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$10,748.50. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**
- 16. HIDDEN CREEK APARTMENTS – Deferred to workshop**
- 17. COMPLAINT LOGS – Deferred to workshop**
- 18. BID OPENING – Ald. Orr asked that the bid opening for the sewer plant be added to the November schedule.**
- 19. THANKSGIVING EMPLOYEE DINNER – The employee dinner will be on Wednesday, November 25th at noon. The council asked that the Christmas bonuses be ready for the dinner.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder