

**MINUTES
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 31, 2012**

PRESENT: Mayor, Marilyn Campbell Nixon
Lex Orr
Alvin Powell
Harry Parmley
Rusty Leonard

The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor, Marilyn Campbell Nixon.

Mr. John Graham, Marion County Mayor was present to show support to the council for the improvements made to our town. He stated that he would do anything he could to assist them.

Following the prayer and the pledge of allegiance, Alderman Parmley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 29th , Beer Board meetings or November 29th and January 23rd. Alderman Powell seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

AUDIT 2011 -- Mr. Jimmy Jobe from Jobe, Hastings & Associates , was present to explain the audit of 2011. Mr. Jobe stated that it was a positive and clean report. He stated that last year there were twelve findings and only two minor ones this year. He will be making a recommendation that the town apply for the GFOA award next year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief McNeece gave a brief report. Copy is attached.

CODES ENFORCEMENT – Mr. Earl Geary discussed a complaint about Citizens State Bank's message board and about inside and outside signs. Mr. Geary addressed the council about the dumpster at the community center being in non-compliance. Report is attached.

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PLANNING COMMISSION – The Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Alderman Orr gave a report. We will have an e-mail address for the planning commission by next month.

UTILTIY – Utility Director Kevin Gilliam gave his report and all is well. Mr. Anthony Pelham asked the council to approve a change order for contract 609. Alderman Leonard made a motion to accept the change order. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Kelly Layne gave his report. He has several new fireman and they are taking training. There was discussion on events and a raffle.

SENIORS – The seniors have been having classes at the community center every Tuesday.

MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAIL – Mr. Nate Wilson gave a brief report.

ROADS – We will continue to work on roads as weather permits.

PARKS & RECREATION – Alderman Powell stated that ball sign up's will be the next few Saturday's in February from 11 to 1 in the conference room at city hall. The council will review applications for a person to work with the parks and recreation department on February 1st.

ALDERMEN – Alderman Parmley made a clarification that he did not mean to say anything harmful at the last meeting about Charles Thomas.

FORMER EMPLOYEES -- There are two former employees with default of contracts. Alderman Leonard made a motion to have the city attorney move

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forward on these cases. Alderman Parmley seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

911 DEPARTMENT – 911 Director Wanda McDaniel gave a report. There was discussion on cell phone calls to the 911 office. On 12/19/11 a memo was posted at the 911 office that stated unless you have business in the office you were not allowed to hang out there. Alderman Parmley made a motion to make this memo a policy. Unless you have business in the 911 office do not be hanging out there. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 08-24 PERSONNEL POLICY – City Attorney Mr. Harvey Cameron made a recommendation to revise section e. At will employment of the personnel policy. Alderman Leonard made a motion to revise this section of the policy. Alderman Parmley seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

ORDINANCE 01--12 – Changes to the personal policy and procedures. Alderman Leonard made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading. Alderman Parmley seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE – There was a brief discussion of a temporary employee at the 911 center. Alderman Parmley made a motion to terminate Felicia Bean, temporary employee at the 911 center. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

ORDINANCE 02-12 – Capital asset replacement ordinance. Alderman Orr explained the ordinance then made a motion to pass this ordinance on first reading. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

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There was discussion of several things that will be worked on in the coming months. The farmers market, City Seal, and the Mega Bus. Also, the city was featured in the Tennessee magazine for the electric car charging stations. The Chamber of Commerce have used the Key Club from the high school to help with several chamber events.

BUSINESS PERMITS -- Jeff's Towing – There was a brief discussion on the location of the business. Alderman Powell made a motion to accept this permit. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

Monteagle Spa – There was discussion on zoning requirements and state licenses. After discussion with the city attorney and the codes enforcement officer, Alderman Parmley made a motion to review this application for 30 days, get a written report from the codes enforcement officer and review state law. Alderman Powell seconded the motion and on roll call vote the motion passed 5/0.

CITIZENS HEARING – Mr. Charles Rollins had an animal complaint. The city attorney will be working on an ordinance.

The mayor read a calendar of events.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Mayor, Marilyn C. Nixon


Debbie Taylor, City Recorder