

**MINUTES
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 26, 2015**

**PRESENT: MAYOR, MARILYN C. RODMAN
 LEX ORR
 ALVIN POWELL
 RUSTY LEONARD
 DELORES KNOTT**

The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City Council was called to order at 6:00pm, by Mayor Rodman. Following the prayer and the pledge of allegiance a motion was made by Alderman Knott to approve the minutes of November 24, 2014. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT -- Report attached. Alderman Leonard made a motion the have Chief McNeece seek a post certified person for a part-time position. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT -- We have a new fire Chief Mr. Russell Taylor and a new Asst. Chief Mr. Kasie Bozeman.

PLANNING COMMISSION – The Planning Commission has a new Chairman Mr. Lex Orr. Mr. Orr stated that the commission is here for the town and will help in any way we can.

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UTILITY – Mr. Joey Jackson has been hired full-time as of 1-26-15. He has CDL's and can use heavy equipment. One of the water plant operator's has left our employment. Mr. John Condra has someone coming to apply for a part-time position at the water plant.

CODES – Mr. Earl Geary was present and we have one business permit to be approved. Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the business permit for the 135 Café. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

PARKS & REC – Alderman Powell stated that he would be doing sign-ups for the baseball program on Saturday from 10 – 12.

SENIORS – Someone will be painting the inside of the community center in the near future.

MTN GOAT & PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT – The Mayor read a list of things that need to be addressed. A copy is attached. There was also discussion on signage of the trail.

911 – There was discussion on 911 Director Wanda McDaniel's pay. Alderman Leonard made a motion to increase Ms. McDaniel's pay by \$ 1.50 an hour. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

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ALDERMAN -- Alderman Orr discussed issues with J.C. Hailey Engineering. Alderman Orr made a motion to have the city attorney do a letter to waive all billing and do a hold harmless clause for signature. Alderman Powell seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. There was also discussion on the TDOT & MSSA meters. Alderman Orr made a motion to have the city attorney do letters to resolve these issues. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 10-14 – A budget ordinance. Alderman Orr made a motion to approve this ordinance on second reading. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 10-15 – A budget ordinance. Alderman Powell made a motion to approve ordinance 10-15 on first reading. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

MAYOR – Mayor Rodman discussed city paid cell phones. She made it clear that we pay less now than in the past. There was discussion on the convenience center use. Alderman Orr made a motion to have the Mayor and the Director continue discussions and report back to the council next month. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and suggested the workers keep a ledger of how many loads are being dumped by the commercial users. The motion passed 5/0.

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CODES BOOK – Tabled to the next meeting.

Mayor Rodman stated that we need to update personnel policies. Benefits are not offered to part-time employees. The town has a leash law but we do not have a pound.

ZONING – We have some sign issues.

CITIZENS HEARING – Mr. Tocco from Deepwoods wanted to discuss the road and possible de-annexation. There is 3.1 miles of road in that area. Mayor Rodman stated that we keep the road to the standard it was when we annexed it. The council will seek knowledge of his issues and do what is possible.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

**FOG FEST will be February 13-15
TML Training February 17, 2015**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, Marilyn C. Rodman

Debbie Taylor, City Recorder