

**MINUTES
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 29, 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 by Mayor, Marilyn C. Rodman. Following the prayer and the pledge of allegiance a motion was made by Alderman Orr to approve the minutes of May 15, 2015. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 4/1.

POLICE DEPARTMENT -- Chief Virgil McNeece introduced the new temporary officer Mr. Ty Brazier who will be working with the department. He will also be filling in while Officer Sims is on sick leave. Alderman Orr read a letter to the editor praising the Monteagle Police Department, Officer David Brown and Asst. Chief Jack Hill. The letter came from Mr. David Ramsey of Dubose. Chief McNeece reported that the

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TBI is handling the investigation of the terrible event that has taken place in town and to please pray for the family.

FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Chief Russell Taylor introduced the new Asst. Chief Mr. Mike Holmes. Mr. Casey Bozeman will be moving and going back to school. Mr. Holmes has had training and is a certified police officer. They are working on the ISO project and getting equipment ordered. Alderman Knott asked how many people are on the fire department. Chief Taylor replied 16 to 18 active firemen and 22 on the roster.

PLANNING COMMISSION -- Alderman Orr reported that the next meeting will be July 7, 2015. Cooley's Rift will be bringing their final plat. They have been great to work with.

PUBLIC WORKS – Public Works Director Mr. John Condra introduced Mr. Joey Jackson, the full –time employee and Mr. Joe Nunley the part-time employee. We are happy to have them.

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CODES – Mr. Earl Geary is on vacation and his report is attached.

PARKS & REC. -- Ms. Michelle Russell and Mr. Paul Tittle were present. There have been movies and music in the park for Summerfest. There are activities planned for July 3rd and July 4th. Movies, a bed race, bouncy houses all at the Ballpark and Fireworks. Ms. Russell reported that TN Tech is bringing the Eagle for the park very soon. She is also working on art grants and Mr. Rice has been working with the inmates. There seems to be a problem with dogs in the park and we will work on a solution to this problem.

**MOUNTAIN GOAT & PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR EXTENSION
-- Mr. Ben Farmer was present to report on the extension project. They will be meeting in August to start this project. The other two projects should be closed out in the next 10 days. There was discussion on the Mountain Goat Trail going through town and other grants. There was also discussion on the cross walk from MSSA to the Mountain Goat Market. They will be looking at the striping that is coming up and the**

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mowing will be 10ft from the center of the trail. There was discussion on Bike Racks in town. We will check on the prices and report back at the next meeting.

SIGNS -- There is a sign ordinance in Monteagle. You can get a temporary sign permit for no charge. Signs must be picked up in 48 hours after the event. We do not allow signs in the curve of highway 41-56.

911 – Ms. Wanda McDaniel was present. She has two new hires but they could not be at the meeting. There will be a 911 meeting with the county on July 10, 2015 at 10am at City Hall.

ALDERMAN – Alderman Knott stated she was not happy with the raises in the budget. She would give everyone a raise and she wants everyone treated equal. Alderman Powell and Alderman Leonard stated that they wanted the Christmas Bonuses to be more than last year and by not doing some raises these people would get a larger bonus. Mayor Rodman

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doesn't believe in across the board raises and she talked to the department heads about their assistants. She did discuss the raises with Alderman Knott. We will include the Librarian for a raise. There may not be any Bonuses at Christmas.

PERSONNEL POLICY – There was discussion on changing the policy. Alderman Powell made a motion to change the probation period to 90 days and all new hires will not get the same insurance benefit as current employees. Health insurance benefits on new hires will be determined at a later date. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call vote.

Alderman Leonard will pursue the TDOT issue and report to the council. We are getting bids for the roof at the 911 building and checking on a copier for the Library. Mayor Rodman met with Starbucks and is trying to get new businesses for the town.

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BILLBOARD – Mayor Rodman met with Mr. Hall about the billboard. The matter has been settled. Mr. Hall paid the town \$10,000, will lease the use of the billboard to the town for a period of two years at no charge and will furnish a vinyl for the sign as designed by the town. Alderman Orr made a motion to put this into the minutes of this meeting. Alderman Powell seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call vote.

MSSA -- After discussion Alderman Leonard made a motion to Close the issue concerning the water loss with the Monteagle Assembly. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call vote.

SECOND READING OF THE 2015-2016 BUDGET – Alderman Leonard made a motion to pass the budget on second reading. Alderman Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on a roll call vote.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 10-17 BUDGET AMENDMENT -- After discussion Alderman Orr made a

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motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call vote.

CTIZENS HEARING -- Ms. Spencer Duncan from Mountain Goat Market has purchased the property beside her store. There is an alley between her and Modern Dave's restaurant that belongs to the city. She was instructed to come to the Planning Commission meeting next week.

An agreement between the Town and the Chamber of Commerce will be put together for the next meeting.

Mayor Rodman gave the calendar of events. Mr. Condra asked the council if the city can use the lumber that was left for the projects in town. Alderman Orr said for city related use only.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, Marilyn C. Rodman

City Recorder, Debbie Taylor