

## **MINUTES**

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 26, 2008**

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

**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 approval of the Minutes of the meetings of July 29, the reconvened meeting of August 5, and August 7, 2008, were deferred until the next council meeting.**

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**

##### **1. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**

**Chief McNeece reported that Officer Dykes was trained on the new camera system and will now be able to train the other officers. He also noted that the department will need new vests this year.**

##### **2. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**

**Chief Layne reported that they need new flash lights for the department and requested three safety kits for the kids at Monteagle Elementary for Safety Day. There was a discussion about making calls on the interstate. A question was raised as to the cost of answering such calls. Michael Gautier reported that he will finish at the fire academy in September. He also said the fire department's computer needs to be replaced. He said that the fire department has applied for a forestry grant of \$4000.00 and it looks like we might be approved for it. Ald. Knott made a motion to approve up to \$1000.00 for a new computer for the fire department. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. Ald. Knott**

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**made a motion to approve \$670.00 for three safety kits for Monteagle School. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 3/0 on roll call. Ald. Knott made a motion to purchase 12 safety vests, one set of boots, and new flash lights the cost of these items to be reviewed and approved by Ald. Knott. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 3/0 on roll call.**

- 3. PLANNING COMMISSION – Copy attached  
There was a discussion on passing a landscape ordinance.**
- 4. MAYOR – None**
- 5. ALDERMEN – Marilyn Nixon discussed the roadscapes grant.**
- 6. CITY RECORDER – We have three requests for donations: Leadership Grundy, Grundy County Quarterback Club, and a Veterans Memorial from the city of Whitwell. Tabled until next meeting.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER – Tabled until next meeting**
- 2. 2008-09 BUDGET – Second reading – Ald. Knott made a motion to approve the 2008-09 budget on second reading. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which passed 3/0 on roll call.**
- 3. BALL PARK – The city recorder read a letter from the city attorney stating that the city cannot sell the ball park without approval of the Recreation Committee which donated the ball park to the city in the 1960's.**
- 4. MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAIL – We will receive a report on this project at the next meeting.**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS – a.) Carol Bennett – for a catering service in her home. The Planning Commission approved this use on review at the last meeting. Ald. Nixon made a motion to approve this license. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. b.) Melanie Bain – for Mountain Massage Therapy Clinic in Bill Kerstetter’s building. Ald. Nixon made a motion to approve this license. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which passed 3/0. c.) James Yancey for Dennis Projects - professional services out of his home in the old Lacy house on College Street. Ald. Knott made a motion to approve this license. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**
- 2. 800 PHONE NUMBER AT 911 BUILDING – Ald. Nixon made a motion to discontinue the 800 service at this building. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried 3/0.**
- 3. GRUNDY COUNTY FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT – Table until next meeting.**
- 4. CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – It was noted that this was included in the MTAS Comprehensive Management Report. Ald. Lay said he felt this could be handled with a part-time police officer. No action was taken at this time.**
- 5. TODD MOORE – Ald. Nixon reported that Mr. Moore has talked to the Comptroller’s office and he will be here Thursday morning to meet with employees.**
- 6. POSTING OF ALL JOB OPENINGS – Ald. Nixon made a motion that the city post all job openings both on the bulletin board at city hall as well as running ads in the local papers. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. Ald. Lay asked what the consequences would be if someone was hired contrary to this policy. It was concluded that the person could be dismissed.**

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- 7. INVENTORY MANAGEMENT – Ald. Nixon said she is interested in seeing the inventory handled in the most efficient way. Bringing someone out of the field to do this work may not be the most efficient way to accomplish what we want to do.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING**

- 1. CONTRACT WITH MIDDLE TENNESSEE NATURAL GAS – Tabled until September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.**
- 2. ARCADIS – Invoice for \$8000.00+ – will review contract with Arcadis at the next meeting.**
- 3. GRUNDY HOUSING AUTHORITY – Boo Bouldin and Buster Smith were at this meeting to ask the city to consider changing the classification for this complex from commercial to residential. This will be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.**
- 4. SRF UPDATE – Jim Boynton reported on the progress in applying for this loan. We still need to submit some information on the grinder pump system. We have applied for \$7.2 million and should be approved soon.**
- 5. WATER LEAK POLICY – There was a discussion on the current policy, but no action was taken.**
- 6. WATER & SEWER RATE SHEET – Ald. Nixon made a motion to accept the water and sewer rate sheet to be handed out to customers. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.**
- 7. UPDATE ON ROAD REPAIRS – Jim Boynton gave an update on the road repairs that are being done. He reported that we are spending about \$13,000 on stone, \$2,000 on fuel and about \$20,000 on paving now. Additional repairs will be**

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**about \$40,000 for Trussell Road and Foresite Avenue. About 1000 feet of Moffat Street will be around \$25,000. Eighth Avenue and Second will run around \$14,000 and Wren's Nest improvements will cost about \$35-40,000. He said the town's work for Sonic is completed.**

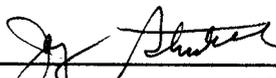
- 8. CONCRETE FOR FORESITE – This work should be done and the street should be paved within the next two weeks. Ald. Knott made a motion to pay the bill for concrete for this road. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed on roll call 3/0.**
- 9. OCCUPANCY TAX AUDIT – There are two places being audited at this time.**
- 10. OVERTIME – Ald. Nixon asked about overtime. The council will receive copies of the time cards with overtime on them.**

**CITIZENS HEARING**

**There were no citizens who wished to be heard.**

**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder**