

**MINUTES
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 29, 2011**

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City council was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mayor, Marilyn C. Nixon.

Following the prayer and the pledge of allegiance, Alderman Orr made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT -- Chief Virgil McNeece gave his report. He updated the council on the new officer and Intell.

FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Chief Kelly Layne gave his report. The new fire truck was used for the first time this month. There was discussion on equipment which was tabled. There was a motion to order steamer caps not to exceed \$1000.00 made by Alderman Leonard. The motion was seconded by Alderman Orr and passed 5/0. There was discussion on the parade and keeping oil dry or cat litter at the fire hall.

ROADS – Alderman Orr reported on the project with the street striping.

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PLANNING COMMISSION – There was an attempt to have a meeting but the people on the agenda did not show.

PARKS & RECREATION – There was discussion on posting a position. This will be discussed at a later date.

UTILITY – Mr. Anthony Pelham gave a report on the Public Hearing for the water plant. He discussed the sewer plant, waiting on parts for the UV, the punch list and closing out contracts.

At this time Mayor, Nixon excused herself, because of a conflict of interest.

MR. GUINN NIXON – SIGN ORDINANCE – Alderman Orr gave a preview of the situation. The sign ordinance was not enforced in the past but the current council would like to see the improvement of the town and ordinances enforced. Mr. Mike Gifford had a flashing sign at his business, he was informed that he would have to turn it off and has. Since then Mr. Nixon was informed by the codes officer that he would have to turn his flashing sign off. He did not turn his off, so Alderman Orr sent a letter. Mr. Nixon felt he had documentation granting his sign to be grandfathered. Mr. Nixon viewed the prior minutes and there was no mention of the issue. Mr. Nixon then took the floor. His view was that Ms. Lynn Stubblefield had addressed the former council and that the ordinance referred to portable flashing signs and his has been there for twelve years and no one has ever said a thing about it. Mr. Nixon felt that he was not being treated fairly.

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There was discussion from the council and the codes enforcement officer. Alderman Leonard made a motion to enforce the sign ordinance as drafted and everyone will be treated the same. Alderman Powell seconded the motion and it passed 3 / 1 abstain and the mayor excused.

CODES ENFORCEMENT -- Mr. Earl Geary gave a detailed report on the signs and other permits he is addressing. A copy is attached. He asked that the sign ordinance be put in the packet for people obtaining a business permit.

Alderman Orr made a motion that there be no council meeting in December, due to the holidays. Alderman Powell seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

ORDINANCE 06-11 – Alderman Orr made a motion to pass the FOG ordinance on second reading. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS POLICY – Alderman Orr made a motion to pass this policy. Alderman Powell seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

CITY COURT COSTS – Alderman Powell made a motion to pass the new court costs. A list is attached to the minutes. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

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The Mayor gave the calendar of events for December.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mayor, Marilyn C. Nixon



Debbie Taylor, City Recorder