

**MINUTES  
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2015  
AT TOM'S PLACE**

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

**ABSENT:           ALVIN POWELL**

**The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City Council was called to order at Tom's Place in Monteagle at 1:04 pm, by Mayor Marilyn C. Rodman. Following the prayer and the pledge of allegiance a motion was made by Alderman Knott to approve the minutes of March 30, 2015 and the Beer Board minutes of March 30, 2015. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**MS. LEE CURTIS – DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM – She gave a brief description of what the State of Tennessee Tourism Department does for Monteagle and how they are here to help us. The new Commissioner is Mr. Kevin Triplet and he will be meeting with Mayor Rodman in the near future.**

**MR. NATE WILSON – MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAIL – He gave a report on how things are going for the trail and maintenance. They will schedule a meeting at a later date to discuss the new projects.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy of report is attached. They are working to get the ISO rating changed. Chief Russell Taylor has been certified with the State. There was some information about the chief that was incorrect and the Mayor has taken care of this matter. The department will be ready to help with the July 4<sup>th</sup> events.**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2015  
Page Two**

**BUSINESS PERMITS – There were two permits. Stella’s Salon owner Amber Yokley. After reviewing the permits Alderman Leonard made a motion to approve the business permit for Stella’s Salon. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Next was Tom’s Place used for venue rental. Alderman Orr made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**JOB FAIR – Ms. Barbara Cam was present to ask the council to host a job fair at the conference room at City Hall. Alderman Leonard made a motion to provide a room for the job fair only, the coordinator will provide everything else. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**FIRST READING OF BUDGET 2015 – 2016 – There was discussion and Alderman Orr made a motion to pass the budget on first reading. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**Mayor Rodman read a text she had gotten for Alderman Powell since he was not able to come to the meeting because of work.**

**HARDSHIP REQUEST – The council discussed this request for a water tap. Since there are questions Alderman Orr made a motion for the Mayor take this to the city attorney for review. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**DUBOSE – Mr. David Ramsey was present to discuss the closing of College Street in front of Dubose. There were several items discussed and it was decided to get a survey first and then move forward with this project.**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2015  
Page Three**

**SECOND READING FOR THE MUNICIPAL CODE BOOK -- Alderman Orr made a motion to approve the Monteagle Municipal Codes on second reading. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**MONTEAGLE COMMUNITY GROUP -- Ms. Iva Michelle Russell was present to report to the council all the activities she has been working on. She discussed the cleanup, Sparkle days, landscaping and Summerfest. Summerfest is Memorial Day through Labor Day, events all through the summer. Last year she purchased banners, rack cards and newspapers. There were movies in the park and music in the park. This year she would like to expand this project to promote businesses in Monteagle. Alderman Leonard made a motion to approve a budget item for Summerfest of \$ 2500.00 for the second year. Alderman Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**Alderman Orr will be the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Chairman this year. There will be a summer Meal program for all children in Monteagle at the Library and at Dubose. The library will also have the Summer reading program.**

**WATER DEPARTMENT – Water lines are being replaced and the new meters will be started around July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION – Alderman Orr reported that the commission has been active. They have a plat from Cooley's Rift and several other projects in the works.**

**911 NON EMERGENCY CALLS – The town would like the other communities to help with the cost of the non-emergency calls that come into the 911 office. Alderman Leonard made a motion to have the city attorney draft a contract with the accountant's numbers to the cities that need to help. Then**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2015  
Page Four**

**set up a meeting to present these contracts before the next city meeting. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – There was a long discussion on the amount of money that the chamber said they had a verbal agreement with the city to provide as support, not the membership dues. After a lot of discussion from the chamber president and the city council Alderman Leonard made a motion to postpone this item until the June meeting. The motion died for lack of a second. Then Alderman Orr made a motion to pay the agreed amount in the verbal agreement. On roll call vote Alderman Orr and Alderman Knott voted yes and Alderman Leonard and Mayor Rodman voted no, so motion is dead because of a tie vote.**

**AUCTION ITEMS – Alderman Orr made a motion to get a list of items for an auction that will be scheduled for an upcoming Saturday. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**OCCUPANCY TAX AUDITS – We have two motels that owe the town money. Alderman Orr made a motion to have the city attorney send a letter to these two motels giving them notice that they owe the city taxes. Alderman Leonard seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**BILLBOARD – There was a long discussion on the billboard. Alderman Leonard made a motion to have the Mayor go back to the city attorney and to resolve this problem. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**FARMER/MORGAN – Mr. Ben Farmer was present and gave an update on the projects he is working on for the town.**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2015  
Page Five**

**Alderman Leonard made a motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> as it is Memorial Day. Alderman Orr seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

**Mayor Rodman gave the calendar of events.**

**There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

---

**Mayor, Marilyn C. Rodman**

---

**Debbie Taylor, City Recorder**