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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 23, 2010

PRESENT: Charles Rollins
Dean Lay
Lexie Orr
Bud Knott
Marilyn Nixon

The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Charles Rollins. The mayor announced that Ald. Lay had to leave the meeting but wanted to be present for the first reading of Ordinance 10-28, and that he was changing the order of business to have that reading as the first item on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ORDINANCE 10-28 – First Reading – Ald. Lay discussed this ordinance which would change the date of the city elections and would establish four-year staggered terms for all elected city officials. The ordinance was read and Ald. Lay made a motion to adopt Ordinance 10-28 on first reading. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. Ald. Lay left the meeting at this point.**

Following the prayer and pledge of allegiance the Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of January 26, 2010, and the utility meeting of February 9, 2010, were approved as presented on a motion by Ald. Orr which was seconded by Ald. Knott and carried 4/0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

1. **POLICE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**
2. **E-911 – Copy attached**
3. **FIRE DEPARTMENT – Copy attached**

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In addition to his written report, Chief Kelly Layne reported the department's reel hose needs to be replaced. They need two 100-foot sections. The mayor told him to order it immediately.

- 4. PLANNING COMMISSION – No meeting this month due to bad weather**
- 5. MAYOR – None**
- 6. ALDERMEN – Ald. Nixon reported that we have received the \$1000.00 grant for the billboard the city has on I-24. This is for the 2008-09 fiscal years. We will be getting another thousand for fiscal year 2009-2010.**
- 7. CITY RECORDER – None**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. RECREATION COMMITTEE – Ty Burnett said he would not be able to report until the March meeting when he would have some information on the ball program.**
- 2. MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAIL – Nate Wilson said after looking at all the proposals and doing some interviews in conjunction with the city, he felt confident in recommending that Farmer & Associates be hired as the engineer for this project. Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Farmer & Associates subject to review of the contract by the city attorney. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd.)

- 2. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION – Carl Snyder applied for a business license for restaurant in Lynn Stubblefield's building on Main Street. The business will be called "Holy Smokes Bar-B-Q." Mr. Snyder said he will occupy**

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the building after Alan Valenzuela moves out. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the application. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

3. **AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY** – Ald. Orr made a motion to table this. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.
4. **ROOF AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT** – This roof is in very bad shape and must be replaced immediately. The council has declared it an emergency and will bypass the bidding process. The mayor has asked for three quotes from local roofers. A.) Cash's Home Improvements – \$1860.00 B.) McFarland's Roofing – \$1800.00 and C.) Westerfield Roofing – \$1840. Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Westerfield Roofing and to purchase the material for the roof contingent on Mr. Westerfield hauling off the trash from the job to an approved site. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried 4/0.
5. **RESOLUTION 2010-142 – FAIR HOUSING** – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-142 which would require fair housing standards for the Town of Monteagle. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.
6. **RESOLUTION 2010-143 – CHIKAMAKA BAND** – This resolution came from James Everett Meeks, the Vice-Chief of the Chikamaka Band. Ald. Knott made a motion to send this to our city attorney for review. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which failed 2/1 with the mayor passing and Ald. Orr voting no on roll call vote. It was mentioned that this request came before the board once before and, because of the wording about "self government" the city attorney did not recommend passing it.
7. **CAMERAS** – The mayor discussed cameras for the annex building and the city hall. Ald. Knott made a motion to advertise for bids on this project. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with Ald. Orr voting no.
8. **STREETS** – The mayor reported that Armory Road and the street in Ridgecliff subdivision are in extremely bad shape. He recommended that we have Grundy

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County road commissioner Turkey Hargis do some work on these two roads. After checking the amount of money left in road repairs for this fiscal year, Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize the mayor to negotiate with the Grundy County road commissioner to repair Armory Road and Ridgecliff Drive not to exceed \$10,000.00. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

- 9. REPAIR OF BUCKET TRUCK – The mayor said the gears on the city’s bucket truck are not working properly. He got an estimate of the cost to repair the truck of \$1544.77. Ald. Knott made a motion to have the bucket truck repaired not to exceed \$1600.00. Ald. Orr seconded the motion and it carried 4/0.**
- 10. ROOF AT CITY HALL – The mayor said he has contacted Bill Killian and he recommended that we have the roof repaired and have documentation as to what caused the problems. If it is a design flaw or poor construction, we should then be able to file suit to recover the cost of a roof or the repairs from the contractor or the architect. He also recommended that we file a claim with TML. Ald. Orr made a motion to repair the roof at city hall and to follow the recommendations of our attorney. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**

PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

- 1. MANAGER’S REPORT – Kevin Gilliam reported that contractor’s are moving equipment in to begin the work a the sewer treatment plant. Ald. Orr asked Mr. Gilliam to explain the Februry 17th letter from Dr. Urban. Mr. Gilliam discussed the letter and said that we would be getting a follow up letter at some point.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF CLASSES AND TESTING – Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the classes and testing for those wanting to obtain licenses in accordance with the utility manager’s request with Kevin Gilliam and Jerome Blalock paying the cost of their own classes and testing and the city paying them for their time**

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without charging them for vacation or sick leave and the city paying for the classes and testing of the others that Mr. Gilliam recommended. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

- 3. GPS – Mr. Gilliam recommended that the city purchase a GPS system at a cost of about \$9500.00. Since the amount exceeds \$2500.00 and is not an emergency we would have to run an ad for bids. Mr. Gilliam will get some specs for the system and give them to the mayor to run an ad.**

CITIZENS HEARING – There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The mayor gave the schedule for the workshops and meetings for the month of March. He also reported that the Taste of the Mountain will be held at the Armory on March 8th. Chief Virgil McNeece announced that former Grundy County Sheriff Robert Meeks passed away on Sunday, February 21st, and his funeral is tomorrow.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder