

**MINUTES
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 27, 2017**

**PRESENT: MAYOR, DAVID SAMPLEY
 JESSICA BLALOCK
 KENNETH GIPSON
 DELORES KNOTT**

The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor David Sampley. Following the prayer and the pledge of allegiance a motion was made by Alderman Blalock to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT -- There was discussion on the new police vehicle. Mayor Sampley explained that it was an emergency purchase that the motor in the Chief's vehicle was shot and we would have bought a new one July 1st. The purchase was \$ 29,805.00 which was a savings of around \$ 6000.00. Alderman Gipson objected to the purchase because it was purchased without the council's approval and he said MTAS told him that a special meeting should have been called. The Charter states that the Mayor has the authority and is to inform the council at the next regular meeting. There was discussion on not having regular meetings and starting to have workshops at the next meeting.

Alderman Knott made a motion to fill the vacant seat on the City Council with Mr. Charles Rollins. A citizen complained and there was discussion in the audience. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Blalock stated that she could not vote on this without the council discussing it first. Alderman Gipson agreed and retracted his vote. This will be discussed at the workshop next month which will be posted. There was discussion on the old police vehicle being given to the Fire Department, the use of police vehicles by the officers for personal use and a repeater at 911.

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Police Chief Virgil McNeece reported that the department discovered jewelry valued at around \$ 7000.00. He was advised that he could sell it and use the money for items he needed at the Police Department. He would like to use around \$ 4500.00 for vests for the officers. Alderman Gipson made a motion to use \$ 4500.00 for vests and the remaining funds go to repair the old police vehicle for the Fire Department. Alderman Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—Mr. Ethan Orange was present to report for the Fire Department. He said that getting the old police vehicle would help with the ISO rating. They have several quotes to get the vehicle repaired. Alderman Blalock made a motion to have the vehicle repaired at Monteagle Tire & Auto for \$3830.00 and to get lights for it. Alderman Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. There was discussion on the Engine One. They only had one quote but said they could get two more. Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve up to \$6000.00 to get Engine One repaired. Alderman Knott seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with Mayor Sampley abstaining. This was on a roll call vote. The building that houses the Fire Department has been condemned. For now they are renting a building for the Fire Department. This will be discussed at the budget meeting.

911 – Director Wanda McDaniel reported that they are in their new building. The siren is up and is being tested at noon on Wednesday's.

UTILITY – Mr. John Condra reported that they are working on several items. The water plant is in need of a lawn mower. He has three quotes. Alderman Blalock made a motion to purchase the mower from Lowes not to exceed \$2500.00. Mayor Sampley seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Then he discussed a tractor for the Wastewater plant. The council looked over the

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bids and decided on a Kubota from Brothers in Hillsboro at \$ 12,500.00. Alderman Gipson made a motion to purchase the tractor. Alderman Knott seconded the motion and it passed 4/0. Mr. Condra also reported that the inspection at the wastewater plant had gone well.

RESOLUTION 17-01 – ADOPTING A PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY – After discussion this was tabled to the next meeting.

PARKS & REC.—Alderman Blalock reported that Ms. Brewer will be using the ballpark for a carnival on May 20th to raise money for cancer. She discussed the playground equipment for the park and would like to get donations because the for the play area. The cost of the playground equipment is around \$40,000.00. There was discussion on having a city wide yard sale on the last weekend of July to help raise money. The July 4th celebration with have a band, dunking booth and free food. The car show is each month and is doing great. There will be a Spring Plant sale at Harton Park by the Garden Club.

SPARKLE WEEK – Sparkle week will be May 22 – 26. Citizens will need to have their items out on Sunday night May 21st.

Mayor Sampley reported that the cost so far for the contested election is at \$ 11,400.00. He will be looking at roads in the next couple of months. There is no funds left in this budget year so he will put funds in the next budget. There will be a Budget meeting on May 18th at 4:00 pm at city hall and the next City Council meeting will be May 30th due to the Memorial Day holiday.

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BUSINESS PERMITS

Martinez Construction – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

Sam H. Weiner Military Museum – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

Hummingbird Manor Rentals – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

DONATION TO FBLA – Three students from Grundy County High School who went to Monteagle school all earned first place awards at the state level were present to ask for a donation for their trip to the national competition. They were Caitlin Ladd, Hunter Ladd and Trevor Sanders. Alderman Blalock made a motion to donate \$ 900.00 to the students. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

CITIZENS HEARING

Ms. Carol Manganaro and Mr. Joe Hoffman asked questions.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, David Sampley

City Recorder, Debbie Taylor

