

**MINUTES  
AUGUST 26, 2019  
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:           MAYOR, DAVID SAMPLEY  
                      TONY GILLIAM  
                      BECKY BYERS  
                      JESSICA BLALOCK  
                      KENNETH GIPSON**

**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 Vice Mayor Tony Gilliam to approve the minutes of July 29, 2019. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the mayor not voting.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jack Hill requested that Mr. Dustin Pack be hired as a part-time police officer. They are working on getting the new vehicle ready for the road and he is looking at body cams and software. Vice Mayor Gilliam made a motion to hire Mr. Dustin Pack as a part-time officer. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the Mayor not voting. Alderman Blalock questioned the Mayor about a meeting he had with Acting Chief Jack Hill,**

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where rank in the department was discussed and repairs to a vehicle was discussed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Holmes reported that they have applied for a FEMA Firefighter assistance grant for SCBA packs and accessories for \$122,500.00. The City will have to match 5% which is \$6,125.00. He would also like to purchase three tablets to use for hydrant mapping and logging and station alerting. The cost is \$627.00. The highway truck has also been repaired. Alderman Gipson made a motion to fund the match for the grant and purchase three tablets. Vice Mayor Gilliam seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the mayor not voting.**

**UTILITY – Mr. John Condra reported that they have found a large leak on Thomas Road. He asked the council where to take the vehicles to get repairs. He was told to use Heath Oil or Churches Tire.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION – Not much going on a couple of new businesses including the Sand Man, JD Oliver.**

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**CODES ENFORCEMENT – Mr. John Knost reported that he is working with the City Attorney on three letters on some property maintenance. Woodland Ridge Apts has changed ownership and will be working with him.**

**ALDERMAN – Alderman Blalock confronted Alderman Gilliam about the showers in the new fire hall.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**BUSINESS PERMIT – Trahan Mechanical at 73 College Street. This will be an office only. Vice Mayor Gilliam made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the mayor not voting.**

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW POLICE CHIEF – Vice Mayor Gilliam made a motion to appoint Mr. Jack Hill as Police Chief. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 with the mayor not voting.**

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**CITIZENS**

**Mr. Virgil McNeece stated that he was not a citizen but would like to speak. His speech is attached.**

**Ms. Doris Wiggins then read a letter aloud to Mr. McNeece from the City Council. The meeting got a little out of order and Mr. Jack Hill declined the position as Chief. The meeting got out of order again and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Mayor, David Sampley**

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**Debbie Taylor, City Recorder**

