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JANUARY 31, 2018
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL**

**PRESENT: MAYOR, DAVID SAMPLEY
 JESSICA BLALOCK
 ANNA ZEMAN
 KENNETH GIPSON**

ABSENT: CHRIS LADD

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 Gipson to approve the minutes of November 27, 2017. Alderman Zeman seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the Mayor abstaining.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—A copy of the report is attached. Alderman Zeman asked Chief McNeece about the speeding on North Bluff and Lee. He stated that they will watch and take care of the problem. Alderman Blalock asked about an old Police Car that is at Rabbits house in Gruetli. The Chief explained that he is taking parts off the car for other police vehicles.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT—Chief Mike Holmes gave his report a copy is attached. Engine 1 has some leaking around the pump housing. He will get this looked at by Mid South Emergency Equipment. Chief Holmes requested permission to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant for the replacement of Engine 3. This is a 5% matching grant. Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve Chief Holmes applying for the grant. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the Mayor abstaining. There was discussion on using GovDeals to get rid of the surplus vehicles that the city has. Alderman Blalock made a motion to use GovDeals and to have Mr. Tom Mercier assist. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the Mayor abstaining. Chief Holmes would also like to purchase a replacement winch.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT—Mr. John Condra reported that we have three dump trucks including the new one. The new one is at Monteagle Tire and needs a transmission. There was discussion on the water line where we are losing the water at the back of Campbell's Subdivision. Mr. Condra has a part he will install next week to stop some of the water loss. We also

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need an easement at Mr. Graves property. There was also discussion on using the water from the Sewer Plant that is running off the mountain. Mr. Condra will contact the Engineer on this.

PLANNING COMMISSION—Chairman Ron Terrill asked the Mayor if he would put a replacement on the board in his place. He said he would.

CODES ENFORCEMENT—Mr. Earl Geary recommended to the board to adopt the 2012 Building Codes. The city attorney will draw up the ordinance. Alderman Gipson made a motion to have the city attorney draw up an ordinance to adopt the 2012 Building Codes. Alderman Zeman seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the Mayor abstaining. Mr. Tony Gilliam had a question on Single Family Residence. Mr. Geary said the proper procedure would be to bring that to the Planning Commission.

PARKS & REC.—Alderman Blalock asked if the city workers could put the playground equipment together. She is

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working on Baseball sign-ups and the Easter egg hunt will be in March.

ALDERMAN – Alderman Gipson asked Chief Mike Holmes about the additional lighting at the fire hall. He explained that the water heater and the bathroom were being worked on and they needed more lighting. He did not realize that the lights were going to cost \$8000.00. The Mayor stated that he makes decisions on how to spend his budget just like all departments. The only problem was it was in a rental building. Alderman Blalock stated that she will no longer sign checks for the town and in the future she will not vote over the phone. She also stated that she didn't think that the purchase of the dump truck was an emergency. CPA Mark Allen stated that the City Recorder was asking each alderman their preference regarding the purchase of the dump truck and it is the Mayor's call as if a purchase is an emergency. Alderman Blalock stated she had been to the MTAS training and they said a dump truck was not an emergency. She said they should have had a special meeting.

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BUSINESS PERMITS

Compassionate Home Care – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the Mayor abstaining.

Sumptner Solutions – Alderman Gipson made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Zeman seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the Mayor abstaining.

Super 8 and Mountain Inn – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this business permit. Alderman Zeman seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the Mayor abstaining.

**ASBESTOS QUOTES FOR THE OLD CITY HALL BUILDING --
There were four quotes to remove the asbestos at the old city hall building. AAA Remediation Inc. \$ 13,876.00, Modern Day Wrecking \$ 9000.00, Marion Environmental \$ 8700.00 and Affinity Group \$ 6938.35. Alderman Blalock made a motion to**

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accept the quote from Affinity Group for \$ 6938.35. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/1 with the mayor abstaining.

CITIZENS HEARING

Mr. Tony Gilliam asked why we are not getting bids on electrical work. Ms. Carol asked about the speed limit sign on South Central still being 20.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, David Sampley

City Recorder, Debbie Taylor

