

**MINUTES
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 26, 2017**

**PRESENT: MAYOR, DAVID SAMPLEY
 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 Alderman Gipson to approve the minutes of May 30, 2017. Alderman Blalock seconded the motion and it passes 3/0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief McNeece reported that the budget will allow for two new police vehicles. The state contract is \$29,310 last year the cost was \$35,000. Officers will be working with Mountain Market and the Yard Sale.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Holmes stated that he should have the ISO evaluation soon. They have moved the cascade station to the rental building. Chief Holmes has two quotes on the repairs to engine one. He has tried to get another one but cannot get a response. The bids are Rocky Top Truck Stop and Diesel Off-Road Technologies. After review Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve the quote from Rocky Top Truck Stop. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. Chief Holmes discussed an Automatic Mutual Aid contract with Pelham Fire Department. Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve an Automatic Mutual Aid with Pelham Fire Department. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. Mayor Sampley stated that the fireworks are being stored at the Annex building. He called the Fire Marshall and since they are Class C there is not a problem.

UTILITY – Mr. John Condra stated that he and Mr. Carl Cantrell are working on a solution to the 2” line that has been leaking for years.

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PLANNING & ZONING -- We received an email that the concrete plant will not be coming to our area, however the owner of the property would like for the property to be rezoned. Alderman Gipson made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-03 on second reading, an ordinance to rezone property at 829 Dixie Lee Highway from C-3 to I-1. Alderman Blalock seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

CODES ENFORCEMENT – Report is attached. Mr. Earl Geary stated he had been working on the list of property maintenance issues. He has done 8 out of 19. Mr. Tony Gilliam proposed that the city hire Mr. Geary a helper. Mr. Geary will get back to the council on this matter.

PARKS & REC. – The Laurel Lake Garden Club was present and gave a report on the projects they are working on. Alderman Blalock thanked Mr. Gene Nixon for the donation to the playground equipment. Mayor Sampley reported that the project at the Community Center will be started soon.

ALDERMAN – Alderman Gipson made a motion to fill the vacant seats on the city council with Mr. John Knost and Mr. Chris Ladd. The motion failed to receive a second. Alderman Blalock made a motion to appoint Mr. Chris Ladd to fill one of the vacant seats. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. Then Alderman Gipson said he wanted to resend his vote. We will check with MTAS on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF THE 2017-2018 BUDGET – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve the Budget on seconded reading. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

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SECONDED READING OF THE INTERNAL CONTROL MANUAL – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve the second reading of the Internal Control Manual. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF AUDIT SERVICES – There were several proposals and after review BCS was selected at \$17,500. Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve BCS as our audit firm. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 17-04 TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND USES – Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Alderman Gipson seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 17-05 BUDGET AMENDMENT – This was tabled to the next meeting.

Alderman Blalock reported on the events of July 4th, the Car Show and the Movie in the Park. There was discussion on an alderman being over a department and that the alderman need MTAS training. Alderman Blalock stated that she is a volunteer nothing more.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, David Sampley

City Recorder, Debbie Taylor