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**CITY OF MONONA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The Monona, Iowa, City Council met in regular session Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Monona Community Center. Mayor Grant Langhus presided with John Elledge, Bridget Schlein, Preston Landt, Erin Friedley, and Timothy Wright present.

Guests Present: Jared Burkle (PeopleService), Jo Amsden (Police Chief), Audrey Posten (NIT), Ardie Kuhse (MCED), Kelsi Davis (CC Energy District), Mike Wagner (Alliant Energy), Hedi Landt (Library), Brian Huinker (Assured-Partners) and Ava Goltz, Alivia Coenen, Noah Goltz, James Waterman, Evelyn Ruff, Quinn McGeough, Keither Anderson, Avery Thornson (MFL-MarMac Students)

1) Approve Consent Agenda Moved by Elledge, seconded by Schlein, to approve consent agenda as submitted. Carried Unanimously.

- Agenda
- Council Minutes ~ October 7, 2024
- Treasurer/Budgetary Reports ~ September 2024
- Library Report ~ September 2024

• Little Bulldog Childcare Report ~ September 2024

• Utility Billing Reconciliation ~ September/October 2024

2) Hearing of Delegations Short discussion on Trunk or Treat and putting notes on vehicles about not parking in the first two blocks of West Center St. on October 31st from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

3) PeopleService Report PeopleService operator, Jared Burkle, reviewed the submitted Operations and Maintenance (O&M) report for Water and Wastewater Departments for September 2024.

Water O&M

- Submitted the lead and copper inventory to the Iowa DNR.
- DNR inspection of water treatment plant and distribution system.
- Found a hand hydrant leaking in Gateway Park and fixed it.
- Completed eighteen door hangers.

Wastewater O&M

• Installed new caps and calibrated the dissolved oxygen probes in the aeration basins.

• Inspected manholes on North Main and First St. due to issue with private service.

• Helped city staff clean and jet a storm sewer on Frankling St. just past Smitty's Oil and Tire.

Jared also talked about issues with a pump and that he would have quotes for replacing the pump at the November 4th council meeting

4) DNR Water Sanitary Survey Report

The Iowa DNR supplied the city with their sanitary survey of the public water supply. The report contained no significant deficiencies, two minor deficiencies, which were fixed the same day, and the report listed several recommendations. The subject of fluoride added to the water was briefly talked about.

5) Police Report

Police Chief Amsden reviewed September 2024 monthly police activity summary. They responded to 273 calls for service during September. There were a number of dogs-at-large and suspicious activities. Chief Amsden also wanted to remind residents to lock up their vehicles and homes.

6) Clayton County Energy District Kelsi Davis, the new Clayton County Energy District Coordinator, introduced herself and talked about services the Energy District provides in the county. She also talked about the Inflation Reduction Act Clean Energy Tax Credits, the 2024 Clean Energy Forum being held on November 19th at the NE Iowa Wellness and Recreation Center Community Room in Postville from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and who should apply for USDA REAP Coaching.

7) Alliant Energy Regarding Dark Fiber

Mike Wagner, Lead Community Development Specialist with Alliant Energy, talk to the council about Dark Fiber. Alliant Energy and the Iowa League of Cities collaborated on a clean and concise way to expand broadband service in Iowa. Alliant is looking to lease the excess fiber strands known as Dark

Fiber and conduit space to help offset customer costs. This excess fiber is already installed in Monona with most of the Main Street Right-of-Way.

8) Resolution #2024-22 ~ Approving an Agreement for the Leasing, Assignment, or Sale of Existing Dark Fiber Located in The City of Monona Right-of-Way by Interstate Power and Light Company

After listening to Mike Wagner talk on item #7, it was moved by Wright, seconded by Elledge to approve Resolution #2024-22. ROLL CALL: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

9) Employee Health Insurance Brain Huinker, with AssuredPartners, went over a Level Funded health insurance plan with Mid-America. It had a lower deductible but still was eligible for an HSA. After some discussion it was decided to present it to the employees and get their thoughts on the policy.

10) Tree Grant

Councilperson Schlein went over information she has for a tree grant she is pursuing for the city. She talked about the number, type and location for the trees. She asked the council to approve \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of trees for a grant match. It was moved by Landt, seconded by Friedley to approve the \$1,000.00 tree match for the grant. Carried Unanimously.

11) Approve Appointment of Fire Chief

It was moved by Wright, seconded by Elledge to approve the appointment of Garrett Palas as the new Fire Chief of the Monona Volunteer Fire Department. Carried Unanimously.

12) Approve Town and Country Contract for Commercial Garbage Waste Management was unable to manage the dumpster side of the commercial garbage so a new contract with Town and Country was reviewed. It was moved by Elledge, seconded by Schlein to approve the new five-year contract with Town and Country for commercial garbage weekly pick-up effective July 1, 2024. Carried Unanimously.

Mayor/Council/Administration Notes:

- Mayor Langhus gave an update

on the police issue.

• Mayor Langhus talked about the progress of the dog park project.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Langhus declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monona Community Center.

*Barbara Collins,
City Administrator*

Monthly Revenues for

September:

GENERAL TOTAL	45,900.52
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	
.....	23,407.15
TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL	
.....	4,267.36
T.I.F. TOTAL	2,512.58
MONONA PUBL GARD & TRL	
TOTAL	2,535.00
DEBT SOURCE CASH TOTAL	
.....	3,150.63
PHASE IV BTRAIL HARDSUR	
TOTAL	750.00
WATER TOTAL	32,272.39
SEWER TOTAL	61,900.90
GARBAGE TOTAL	20,483.66
LITTLE BULLDOG - SINKING	
TOTAL	1,058.00
LITTLE BULLDOG - RESERVE	
TOTAL	106.00
MONTHLY REVENUES	
.....	\$198,344.19

Monthly Expenses for

September:

GENERAL TOTAL	54,119.29
LIBRARY TOTAL	6,793.82
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL	4,747.91
TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL	
.....	8,077.49
LIBRARY MEMORIAL TOTAL	
.....	197.70
MONONA PUBL GARD & TRL	
TOTAL	1,528.87
PHASE IV BTRAIL HARDSUR	
TOTAL	26.00
WATER TOTAL	23,378.25
SEWER TOTAL	39,029.19
21/22 SEWER LINING FUND	
TOTAL	3,100.70
GARBAGE TOTAL	20,523.32
HEALTH TOTAL	1,051.79
MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	
.....	\$162,574.33

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