

**COUNCIL MEETING  
(REGULAR)  
December 21, 2022**

The Council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Monon Town Hall. Members present were President Rosemary Cooley, Vice-President Ron Benakovich, Ken Hickman, Toni Onken and Kirk Quasebarth. Also present were Marshal Roger Young, Superintendent Tony Rodgers, and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Selagy.

-President Rosemary Cooley started our regular meeting @ 6:00 pm & led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment-of-silence.

**-MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:**

Ron Benakovich made a motion to approve the REGULAR meeting minutes from December 7, 2022.

-Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

-Toni Onken made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented.

-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$220,662.60

**-MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF...**None at this time.

**VISITORS: ROB, COMMONWEALTH ENGINEERING...**Rob presented and explained the recommendations for the wastewater plant equipment.

Ron Benakovich made a motion to go with Commonwealth's recommendations for equipment selection.

Kirk Quasebarth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS...**Nothing at this time.

**VANGUARD METER & OTHER WW INFO...**The outflow meter was not read on the same day as the water meters so there was not an even comparison. Clerk Selagy did an estimate of daily usage based on the water meter readings and compared to the outflow for December the difference was 3,215 gallons, which would be an additional billing of \$30.16. We will continue to monitor the readings.

**PARK BOARD OPENING...**Ryan McGrail was present to introduce himself to the council and express his interest in serving on the park board. The town council has one person to appoint, and the ordinance also states that the school board and library board can each make an appointment for a total of six members. The school board made the decision to appoint Yessica Gomez and the library has appointed Julie Hart.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to appoint Ryan McGrail to the park board.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS...**Gayle Rogers, was present with the interlocal agreement for EMS service between White County, City of Monticello, Town of Monon, and Monon Township. The contract will be in effect through 2026.

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for EMS service.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The interlocal agreement for fire fighting services between the City of Monticello, Town of Monon, and Monon Township was also presented for approval.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for firefighting service.

Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENTS...**Marshall Young stated that he had volunteers from the Jasper County Recovery House come in and finish the painting. The town provided lunch for the men and Roger asked the board to consider a donation to the organization for their service. There are still a few more things to be completed, but they will be ready for the expected start date of service on January 8, 2023.

**ADA AMENDED ORDINANCE-FIRST READING...**President Cooley read the ADA amended ordinance into the record. The ordinance approved at the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, meeting did not state it was an amendment to a previous ordinance.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ADA amended ordinance.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ordinance #2022-15

**PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE-FIRST READING...**President Cooley read the Personnel Policies and Procedures ordinance into the record.

Kirk Quasebarth made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the Personnel Policies and Procedures. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ordinance #2022-13

**TOWN HALL ADA IMPROVEMENTS...**The town hall needs several improvements to make it more accessible. Those improvements include remodeling the restroom, putting a ramp at the back door and modifying the step into the utility office. Melton Construction provided a quote of \$12,800.

Ken Hickman made a motion to accept the quote from Melton Construction. Toni Onken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS...**1. Tony stated he has sent in samples that needed to be done for the CCR (consumer confidence report). 2. There was a main break at Viking and Harrison that they repaired. 3. He has winterized the lift stations.

**CLERK-TREASURER SELAGY...**Stacy stated that the middle handrail going to the upstairs conference room was replaced last year, but the outer two are also going to need replaced as the one to the south has started to wiggle quite a bit. Stacy said they had Fred Mancilla do the previous handrail. Superintendent Rodgers said he would talk to Fred about the other two.

**MEMBER TONI ONKEN...** Toni asked Superintendent Rodgers if he had looked at the hydrant at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Race she asked about at the last meeting. Superintendent Rodgers said the hydrant does work even though it is sunken halfway down into the ground. He said will install a riser to lift it up. Fire Chief Brad Hahn asked about putting black bags on the hydrants that are not working, stating that when the City of Monticello paramedic/firefighters are here they will not be familiar with the town to know what hydrants do not work. Superintendent Rodgers said he would handle it.

**PRESIDENT COOLEY...**Rosie expressed her appreciation to Jim Davis, the All Aboard Main Street members, Chamber of Commerce members and everyone else who helped to organize the Christmas parade. It was a successful event and well attended.

-Kirk Quasebarth made the motion to adjourn the meeting.  
-Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned @ 6:38 pm.

\*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT: Rald B...

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ken Hickman

COUNCIL MEMBER: Toni Onken

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ATTEST: Stacy Selagy