

CITY OF MONTELLLO  
**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026, AT 7:00 PM  
**MINUTES**

Called to order by Ken Streich at 7pm

Members present: Marylin Merrill, Dick Dufour, Bill Faulkner, Venise Mugler, Ken Streich, Ron Knutson, Dennis Schrimpf, Brian Schrimpf

Others present: Maureen Krivanik, Karlene Utke, Cathy Benedict, Micheal Marcucci, Dustin Esselman, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Mark Robinson, Carol Faulkner, Fred Logemann, Scott Hunter, Kim Johnson, Matt Faltz

Motion by Dufour/Faulkner to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Schrimpf to approve council meeting minutes from March 2, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to approve finance vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Schrimpf/ Mugler to approve Committee to Investigate City's Financial Situation minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dufour/Faulkner to approve Public Works Committee minutes. Discussed certifications. Motion carried.

Motion by Faulkner/Dufour to approve Park board minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mugler/Faulkner to approve Public Safety minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Schrimpf/D. Schrimpf to approve Park board minutes from 3-31-26. Discussion on land use agreement. Discussion on city liability. Will bring land use agreement back to park board. Motion carried.

Consented library board minutes

No Old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Dufour/Mugler to reappoint Library Board Trustee, Linda Quinn. New term expires 2029. Motion carried.

Discussed City Attorney request for advice on plea from Dustin Esselman. Discussed original motion: 50 days violation, according to city ordinances the bare minimum fine would be \$1250.00, council already waived 109 days of violation. Dufour feels accepting \$500 wouldn't be allowed by ordinance and even minimum is substantial break. Mugler stated she doesn't have problem with lowering the fine as long as guidelines are followed in future. Faulkner stated has no problem with reducing the fine. Discussion on reasons for original fines. Motion by Faulkner/Mugler to advise city attorney to accept \$1250 plea deal. Knutson asked about current compliance, discussion on correspondence. Roll call vote: M. Merrill: yes, Dick Dufour, no, Bill Faulkner: yes, Venise Mugler: yes, Ron Knutson: no, Dennis Schrimpf: no, Brian Schrimpf: no. Motion failed.

Cathy Benedict withdrew request to be on Park Board. Benedict explained decision.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Maureen Krivanek thanked Committee to Investigate the City's Financial Situation for their work. Utke stated personnel meetings in October were all illegal because council members in audience made walking quorum, also asked about financing for public works Church St project and motion made by finance committee for employees to figure out financing, Utke also asked for public comment clarification. Krivanik asked about December 2024 council minutes. Utke asked about what council is doing to cut budget. B. Schrimpf stated a lot has been cut this year. Esselman suggested cutting police force. Utke stated salaries and wages should be cut. Johnson asked about council pay. Krivanek suggested cutting employee benefits. Logemann stated that would be putting entire burden on only 4 city employees. Robinson commented on Park Board. Utke brought up employee raises. B. Schrimpf stated he values the current employees. Marcucci asked where/when problems are solved in city and stated council needs fresh ideas. Discussed committees and moving forward. Merrill talked about Committee to Investigate the City's Financial situation. Discussion on committees. Discussed tourism & visitor's bureau. Discussed industrial park.

Acting Mayor Streich wished everyone luck in elections and thanked Public Works for extra work they have put in lately.

Motion by Dufour/B. Schrimpf to adjourn carried at 8:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Minutes by Marie Anderson