

**COUNCIL MEETING
(REGULAR)
February 17, 2021**

The council of the Town of Monon met for a regular meeting on **Wednesday, February 17, 2021** at 6:00 pm at the Monon Civic Center. Members present were Vice President Stacy Selagy, Ron Benakovich and Ken Hickman. Also present were Superintendent Tony Rodgers, Marshal Roger Young and Clerk - Treasurer Tim Brown.

President Rosemary Cooley, Member Kirk Quasebarth and Attorney Dow Dellinger were absent.

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

MINUTES, PAYROLL, BILLS & CLAIMS:

Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the REGULAR MEETING MINUTES from February 3, 2021. Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Member Benakovich had a question on why the Standard Auto Parts bill was so high...over \$2000.00. Clerk Brown commented that the last 2 months the bill has been increasing. It was decided that all the purchases the boys are going to make from there must be cleared with Tony first. Tony will also talk to the auto parts store on how he may be able to control the purchases. Tony will also do some inventories on what tools and supplies they have at the shop. After this discussion... Ken Hickman made the motion to accept all the bills – claims – payroll as presented. Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried. \$113,442.42

MONTH END RECONCILIATION REVIEW / SIGN OFF... none this time.

VISITORS: Jim Davis was present and wanted to speak. 1. Jim started out talking about our problem with in-flow storm water from Vanguard. VP Selagy and Tony also gave their views on the subject. We told him what has happened so far about the problem and how what we have done so far has not made the matter better. Jim's only suggestion now is to get in touch with IDEM...maybe they could help. 2. Jim next wanted to talk about the Food Fest scheduled for June 5th this year. Because of the Splash Pad construction starting this spring at the park, the Fest will be downtown. There will be some food vendors on both sides of the highway and events down both sides of 4th Street. Some activities will then be going south to the caboose area. The time for the fest is 10:00am to 5:00pm. The Saturday will hopefully start out with a breakfast served at the Fire House. For the first time the Food Fest is talking about doing a wine & beer garden. They have a long journey getting all the approvals and licenses for this. Jim asked if our Council would approve of them starting this process of approval?

Ron Benakovich made the motion to let the Food Fest committee start the process of getting the approvals.

Ken Hickman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UPS... -Roger reported that at the south end of Arch and Race Street there are several large trash items (with our yellow tags on them) that have not been picked up over the last 2 weeks. We will give Advanced Disposal a call about this to get them to pick up the items. -Roger and our utility boys got together and told residents on Arch and Race Streets to move their cars so they could plow both sides of the streets. This is stated on signs on both sides of the street saying when it snows please move your cars. Several cars were towed when they were not moved. -Roger also says that the trailer court needs several cars towed there. Even when there is no snow, emergency vehicles cannot make their way through the cars on the 2 cul-de-sacs.

VANGUARD SEWER FLOWMETER & IN-FLOW PROBLEM... Nothing new this evening. The matter was tabled...

NEW BRUSH PILE SITE... Nothing new this evening. The matter was tabled...

WEST HWY 16 DRAINAGE SOLUTION... Nothing new this evening. The matter was tabled...

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- 2.

LEAF VACUUM PURCHASE... This matter was tabled.

\$500.00 PAYMENT TO THE WCEDC... This matter was tabled.

HOWARD FAMILY LOT EAST OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, FOR SALE?... Jim Davis spoke on this topic. The Howard family spoke to the church about taking over this, but they are not interested at this time. We might be interested in the property. Clerk Brown will give Mark Howard a call about this.

EMT FUTURE FOR MONON... Here in a few months 1 EMT person is going on a 12-week maternity leave and the other EMT person is moving out of state. Problems came up about a week ago when there was no EMT type person to be the first ones on the scene at a car wreck. Monticello was the first to respond. Marshal Young talked about the situation and so did Jim Davis, who is now also a County Commissioner. This topic will be on here for several meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT TONY RODGERS... Nothing more to talk about this evening.

ROGER YOUNG, MARSHAL... 1. After getting the Council's approval last meeting and speaking to President Cooley by phone, Roger has ordered his new squad truck. It is being ordered locally at Twin Lakes Dodge in Monticello. The price is \$28,600.00 with extras for police equipment equaling \$6400.00 more. Roger is also making a trade deal with the Town of Brookston for more optional equipment. Roger also thinks he may have a buyer for our present cruiser. There has not been a delivery date set. 2. Roger also reported that Deputy Ryan's squad vehicle is getting its hood replaced because of rust. 3. Roger also inquired with Stacy to see if she knew anything about parking spots being discussed about the house across the street from Town Hall. Roger said that part of the house is being made into an apartment. Stacy said she would check with Area Plan. Roger wants some parking spots to be off street.

CLERK – TREASURER, TIM BROWN... 1. The next Monon Park board meeting will be March 4th at 6:00pm. 2. There was no food bank this week...it will be next week. Anyone needing food should contact Town Hall and we will help them out. 3. Clerk Brown thanked Tony and the boys for fixing a main break on East 4th Street last Sunday night in the blizzard type weather. Thanks again... 4. There was also a boiler at the high school that broke a water line at the same time... 5. The Chamber of Commerce will have a (non-lunch) meeting next Thursday, 2-25 for the first time in 3 months. 6. Finally the last couple of months have had large numbers of people that are on our (late pay) list for water bills. The highest over 10 years has been 175 people and the lowest is 75 people. The number for this month is 166...not good!

VICE PRESIDENT SELAGY... Stacy told us about the 3 commissioners' sale lots that are around our railroad tracks by 3rd and 4th Streets. She said the 3 deeds should be complete here soon and the lots should be ours.

Ken Hickman made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ron Benakovich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned @ 6:50 pm.

*Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 3, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: _____

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