

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
UN-APPROVED MINUTES –October 8th, 2024

On **October 8th, 2024**, the Montrose City Council Meeting took place at the Community Center. *The Pledge of Allegiance* was recited. Mayor Susan Painter called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. **Roll Call:** Council members: Hanisch, Vogel, Binder and Scheff were present. Maintenance Hanisch arrived at 6:23pm. Finance Officer Siemonsma present. Zoning Team: Hallem was present. City residents present. Quorum present. Rules of Decorum stated by Painter.

Action 24-164

Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of Agenda. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 24-165

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval of Sept. 10th meeting minutes; Sept. 16th 6pm meeting minutes; Sept. 16th 6:15pm meeting minutes. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Zoning Variance Application filled out by citizen Hellen and reviewed by the zoning team and council members. Variance entails setback changes due to property layout and size to accommodate a new house build. Hellen asked for a front yard setback of 10ft from the property line that matches the current house on the property. The current house has an active demolition permit in use. Council discussed possible snow removal or parking issues that may arise with an altered setback. Hellen also asks the council for a time extension on the building permit instead of the traditional 1 year expiration date. Council directed the FO to delay the date of the building permit until the end of this year to accommodate the request, but also to keep the expiration date of 1 year. If there is a need for an extension, the council asks that Hellen come back and request his needs to the council at that time.

Action 24-166

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff, for approval of the Variance Application filed by citizen Hellen for property parcel #19.05.0705. Council approves the variance needed for a front yard setback of 10 feet for the garage area of the new home and 15 feet for the living quarters of the new home. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action 24-167

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval to accept the June 2024 flood insurance claim amount from the adjuster with SDPAA policy. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

McCook County Commissioners have requested funding from 4 cities in the county for Ambulance Service help. McCook County EMS is a contracted service by McCook County. McCook EMS is run by BJ Stiefvater and it is a privately owned business in Salem. The county is asking for a one-time payment in January of 2025 in the amount of \$9,144.72 or the ambulance service could potentially shut down its service to the community. City of Spencer, City of Salem, and the City of Canistota have all agreed to the funding for a short-term solution to the funding problem, provided a contract be drawn up between each city and the county and that 12 equal installments be paid to the county throughout the 2025 budget year.

Action 24-168

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff, to pay McCook County 12 equal installments, in the amount of: \$9,144.72, that will only be used for the ambulance service within the county budget for the year 2025, and with the requirement that the county will supply a contract to be reviewed by our city attorney outlining a one year agreement plan. Payments will not commence until the contract is completed and agreed upon by the council team in a meeting. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

City property 117 W Main street plans discussed. Realtor vs Auction sale discussed. FO received 3 appraisals from 3 city citizens in preparation for a realtor sale if that is the direction the council decided. Nick Thompson with Red Door Realty also provided help with sale questions pertaining to land and building values. Council wishes to sell the building AS IS and will not be doing any upgrades or inspections prior to the sale. The council discussed hiring a person or company to come clean the building.

Action 24-169

Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Hanisch, for approval to use Red Door Realty-Nick Thompson as our realtor to help us sell the city bar on main street. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Three (3) citizen appraisals were done on property 117 W Main Street in preparation for the City Bar Sale. Beau Bartscher gave a land value of \$35,000 and a building/contents value of \$55,000. Brian Kappenman gave a land value of \$20,000 and a building/contents value of \$65,000. Cliff Hallem gave a land value of \$30,000 and a building/contents value of \$50,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Reports reviewed.

FO asked the council on behalf of a seasonal camper if the 10% first responder discount also applies to the seasonal rates. The council will table this discussion until January's council meeting when the Fees, Rates and Fines Resolution is being passed for 2025.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Maintenance Hanisch discussed the need for dirt roads around the shop area to be surfaced with magnesium due to all the dust that is stirred up within the city. Maintenance Hanisch will reach out to CFC to ask if this is a possibility to help the citizens along 1st Ave with dust control.

Hanisch discussed the need for a pipe replacement at address 300 S 1st Ave. from the curbstop to main. Twedt construction will be contacted for this project with a price quote.

Hanisch discussed the sewer ponds status as he cleaned out all the drain pipes in between the ponds for opened flow. Sludge is high and enzyme chemicals are needed to help breakdown pond 1 as well as algae control. Council asked for a price on treatment as well as a wind mill to help circulation pond 1 for preventative maintenance. Hanisch will work on cost estimations for next meeting.

Finance updated the council with the Campground end of season Revenue for 2024. FO shared a bid from Eie Electric and SE electric to upgrade the eight pedestals from 30W to 50W. The council wants to table this project for now and see what the needs bring next year for upgraded pedestals.

End of month bank account balances reviewed by council.

OCTOBER VOUCHERS:

PAID Between Meetings

29509e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	9/10/24	\$938.63	Payroll Taxes
29510e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	9/27/24	\$763.09	Payroll Taxes
30427	BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT	10/2/24	\$27.20	Fuel Cap
0293e	CAMPSPOT	9/16/24	\$396.10	Reservation Fees for August
30424	COURTNEY HERNANDEZ	10/1/24	\$22.09	UB Deposit Reimbursement
0004e	MM MONTROSE OPERATIONS	10/8/24	\$92,281.00	Transfer for Streets
29511e	MISCELLANOUS	9/30/24	\$7.00	Utility Billing Charge Back
29513e	SD DLR	10/2/24	\$4.95	3rd Quarter Unemployment Insurance
29512e	SD DOR	10/2/24	\$229.11	Garbage Tax Reporting for September
30425	SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	10/2/24	\$879.68	Reporting for September
30428	THE SECURITY STATE BANK	10/2/24	\$1,108.24	Furnace filters; Camp; Parks; BacT; Sewer Ponds; Stamps
30426	US BANK, N.A.	10/2/24	\$11,703.04	Loan: DW1; CW2

PAID at Council Meeting

30448	A&B BUSINESS	10/8/24	\$243.98	Monthly IT Service; Printer Contract; PC FIXES
30449	A&B BUSINESS	10/8/24	\$534.95	Finance PC Fix; new hard drive; Battery
30430	ADDY DISPOSAL	10/8/24	\$2,994.00	Monthly Garbage Fee
30431	BADGER METER	10/8/24	\$60.70	Monthly cellular/network charges
30432	CITY OF MONTROSE	10/8/24	\$28.40	Monthly UB Bill
30450	EIE ELECTRIC, LLC	10/8/24	\$363.79	Pool Small Chem room fix; relay
30445	GOLDEN WEST	10/8/24	\$290.52	Monthly Office/Camp Phone Bill
30433	KINGBROOK RURAL WATER	10/8/24	\$4,705.50	Monthly Water Purchase-Usage
30434	MCCOOK CO. AUDITOR	10/8/24	\$1,570.84	Monthly Sheriff Fee
30447	MCCORMICK MOTORS, INC.	10/8/24	\$59.60	Oil Change Supplies
30435	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	10/8/24	\$33.77	Monthly Usage
30444	MONTROSE GAS PLUS	10/8/24	\$440.64	Fuel for city Equipment
30436	NEW CENTURY PRESS	10/8/24	\$377.65	Minutes; Resolution; ORD; Public Notice
30440	NICOLE SIEMONSMA	10/8/24	\$74.67	Fuel Reimbursement; SF/Salem
30437	PFEIFER IMPLEMENT	10/8/24	\$46.06	Skid Loader Parts
30441	RYANS REPAIR	10/8/24	\$175.00	Dump Truck front tire
30443	SALEM SPECIAL	10/8/24	\$47.08	Annual Fee
30442	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	10/8/24	\$224.81	BB Storage Shed/Concession building
30438	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOP	10/8/24	\$2,627.96	Monthly Electric Bill
30451	STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	10/8/24	\$213.40	Brake Cleaner; Suspension, etc... maintenance
30439	TWEDT CONSTRUCTION, INC.	10/8/24	\$106,668.45	Street Repairs 2024

30446	US POSTAL SERVICE	10/8/24	\$84.00	Annual Fee for box
	TOTAL PAID:		\$230,225.90	

**Pay-
roll**

	City Council Members		\$3,450.00	Quarterly Payment-Paid in October
	Finance Officer		\$4,076.92	2 pay periods - September
	Office Admin		\$468.00	2 payperiods - September
	Seasonal Mowers		\$440.02	2 payperiods - September
	Certified Operator Temp.		\$100.00	Monthly Payment
	Maintenance Technician		\$3,298.50	2 pay periods - September
	TOTAL SALARIES:		\$8,383.44	
	GRAND TOTAL:		\$238,760.84	

Action 24-170

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Binder, for approval of bills paid between meetings and bills paid at council meeting.

Roll Call: All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Hearing of those present: none

Action 24-171

Moved by council Hanisch, seconded by council Scheff to **Adjourn** at 7:20pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Nicole Siemonsma
Finance Officer

City Mayor or Council President

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