

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
UN-APPROVED MINUTES –December 10th, 2024

On **December 10th, 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 5:58pm. **Roll Call:** Council members: Vogel, Binder and Scheff were present. Finance Officer Siemonsma present. Maintenance Hanisch arrived at 6:05pm. City residents present. Quorum present. Rules of Decorum stated by Painter.

Action 24-188

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

Action 24-189

Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Scheff for approval of the November 12th meeting minutes. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Citizen Gordon was present to discuss an animal at large/vicious animal complaint from another citizen. A fine was issued October 3rd in accordance with Resolution 2024-001 and Title 5.0202. The complaint filed in the city office detailed an incident that involved an animal at large that charged another citizen in a vicious manor a couple of times and is now a cause for concern for the safety of others. The council reviewed the complaint, listened to Gordon's side of the story and decided to reduce the fine to \$50 due to Gordon actively trying to keep the dog within their property lines by use of an underground fence.

Action 24-190

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff, for approval to reduce the \$150 animal at large fine down to \$50 for 1st offense with Citizen Gordon. Future offenses will not have a reduced fine. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City Punch List was reviewed by the council team.

The Softball scoreboard installation will be discussed in future meetings.

The council reviewed ambulance agreement between McCook County Commissioners and the McCook County EMS Service and a payment schedule was discussed between the FO and the council members for 2025.

Action 24-191

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Binder, for Ambulance service payments to be paid directly to McCook Co. EMS with 12 equal installments starting in January 2025, ending in December 2025 in agreement with the contract that was signed between the County and McCook County EMS. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

City Bar Sale Updates: Interested parties (2) are discussing options with realtor.

Council Vogel discussed allowing the Legion to use the City Bar for a dart tournament January 25th, 2025. Citizen Gordon will fill out a special event form with a \$20 fee and submit this to the council for approval in January's council meeting.

Action 24-192

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Binder, to table the Economic Development SF meeting updates until January's meeting. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Reports reviewed.

Citizen Donelan wants to donate a park bench for the Softball field playground area in memorial of his parents: Jerry and Lucille Donelan. Plans will be drawn up and Donelan will work with the school and the city to get this accomplished.

Action 24-193

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff, for approval to work with citizen Donelan and the school for a park bench, pending construction plan review. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Action 24-194

Moved by council Binder, seconded by council Vogel for approval and review of the 2024/2025 city Inventory list of all city property. Inventory will be filed with the county Auditor before January 10th in compliance with codified law. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Rates, Fees and Fines resolution was reviewed by the council for 2025 changes. FO introduced pool and campground rate studies for pricing of surrounding cities. Council does not wish to change these fees for 2025 and will consider rates changes for 2026.

Tree Dump fees discussed and council Binder discussed other possible ways to collect income for the city dump, as other cities are known to charge a flat fee of \$20 per year to every citizen for this service. Montrose City charges citizens \$12 a year for this service currently.

Campground Picnic Shelter \$25 rental fee added to schedule, No Private Swimming Lessons added to the schedule, Un-used Seasonal camp sites \$30 nightly rate added to schedule, Demo Permit added to schedule, Firework Fine added to schedule. Rates, Fines and Fees Resolution is set to have 1st reading in January's council meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Maintenance Hanisch discussed Grasshopper lawnmower repairs. To replace the engine with labor, the cost is upwards of \$6000 on an older high mileage machine as opposed to purchasing a new commercial mower cost estimate of \$16,000. Council asked Hanisch to obtain pricing for a couple models for January's meeting.

Maintenance Hanisch discussed the need to surplus the old snow blade and try to sell at an auction.

Action 24-195

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Binder, to declare the old snow blade as a city surplus item for citizen opportunity through an auction process. Auction opportunity will be posted on facebook and city website when available. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Maintenance Hanisch discussed the need for stops signs on the intersection: State Street and Church Ave. and 2nd Ave and Elder Street. Council is on board with adding more stop signs at these locations for added safety to our citizens.

Hanisch discussed coupler issues with new blade and made a deal with the Cat sales rep that the City would be receiving extra shoes for the blade due to the coupler/part issues with the new blade.

The Montrose Area Foundation gifted a check for \$5,000 to cover the cost of the softball restroom partitions that are being ordered. FO is working with Partitions Plus out of Iowa and maintenance Hanisch to get this complete.

Schoenfish and Company almost has the finance audit complete for Montrose. They will meet with the Mayor and FO with results hopefully yet this month. Results will be brought back to a council meeting.

End of month bank account balances reviewed by council.

DECEMBER VOUCHERS:

PAID Between Meetings

29520e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	11/22/24	\$544.83	Payroll Taxes
29523e	FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT	12/6/24	\$523.09	Payroll Taxes
00017e	CLOVER CONNECT	11/4/24	\$12.90	ACH Card Fees for Campground
29522e	GF Transfer to MM WATER FUND	12/2/24	\$40,000.00	GF Transfer to MM WATER FUND
29524e	SD DOR	12/6/24	\$231.77	Monthly Garbage Tax Reporting
29525E	SD DOR	12/10/24	\$3,251.95	Annual Pool/Camping State Taxes/Tourism Taxes
30494	SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	12/2/24	\$686.58	Monthly Reporting
30495	THE SECURITY STATE BANK	12/2/24	\$6,173.31	Pool diving board/stand/rails; Postage; Ofc needs; BacT water sample; Xmas light bulbs-streets; Annual Amazon Membership

PAID at Council Meeting

3496	A&B BUSINESS	12/10/24	\$238.92	Monthly IT Service; Printer Contract
30497	ADDY DISPOSAL	12/10/24	\$2,994.00	Monthly Garbage Fee
30498	BADGER METER	12/10/24	\$60.70	Monthly cellular/network fees
30499	BUTLER MACHINERY, CO.	12/10/24	\$16,517.24	New Snow Blade for Pay loader
30500	CITY OF MONTROSE	12/10/24	\$6.00	Monthly UB Bill
30501	DANR	12/10/24	\$450.00	Annual State Fees for Water/Wastewater services
30502	GOLDEN WEST	12/10/24	\$303.32	Monthly Phone Bill
30503	JOSH HANISCH	12/10/24	\$110.00	Fuel Reimbursement for Huron run-Blade Pickup
30504	KINGBROOK RURAL WATER	12/10/24	\$3,532.50	Monthly Water Purchase-Usage
30505	MCCOOK CO. AUDITOR	12/10/24	\$1,570.84	Monthly Sheriff Fee
30506	METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	12/10/24	\$577.54	3 New E-Series Water Meters

30507	MICHAEL'S FENCE	12/10/24	\$1,770.00	Pool North Fence/Gate replacement
30508	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	12/10/24	\$204.66	Prior month Usage
30509	MONTROSE GAS PLUS	12/10/24	\$34.83	Fuel for City Equipment
30510	NEW CENTURY PRESS	12/10/24	\$332.35	Meeting Minutes
30511	SCHOENFISH & CO.	12/10/24	\$14,000.00	2 Year Financial Audit for 2022-2023
30512	SDML	12/10/24	\$645.00	Annual membership Fee
30513	SEAFOG	12/10/24	\$100.00	Annual membership Fee
30514	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOP	12/10/24	\$2,308.35	Monthly Electric Bill
30515	STURDEVANTS	12/10/24	\$25.98	Reissue check due to lost November mailing.
	TOTAL PAID:		\$97,206.66	

**Pay-
roll**

	Finance Officer		\$4,076.92	2 pay periods - November
	Office Admin		\$282.00	2 pay periods - November
	Certified Operator Temp.		\$100.00	Monthly Payment
	Maintenance Technician		\$1,689.50	2 pay periods - November
	TOTAL SALARIES:		\$6,148.42	
	GRAND TOTAL:		\$103,355.08	

Action 24-196

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff 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 24-197

Moved by council Scheff, seconded by council Binder to enter into Executive Session at 7:16pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition.

Motion carried.

Action 24-198

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff to Exit Executive Session at 7:26pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition.

Motion carried.

Action 24-199

Moved by council Vogel, seconded by council Scheff to **Adjourn** at 7:27pm. **Roll Call:** All favored no opposition. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Nicole Siemonsma
Finance Officer

City Mayor or Council President

Published once at the approximate cost of: _____

Publish Date: _____