

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MONETT CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

The Monett City Council met in a work session, Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Monett City Hall, 217 Fifth Street, Monett, Missouri. Attendance was as follows: Mike Brownsberger, Mayor; Al Dohmen, Commissioner; Ken Gaspar, Commissioner; Christopher Weiner, City Administrator; Angie Irwin, Acting City Clerk; Melonie Roberts, media; Sara Smith, Administration; and two others from Anderson Engineering.

Mayor Brownsberger called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

BILL 8928: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR THE MONETT HOMES ESTATES SUBDIVISION

Bill 8928 was presented for first and second readings and approval. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dohmen and seconded by Commissioner Gaspar. The following vote was recorded: Brownsberger – yes, Dohmen – yes, Gaspar – yes.

BILL 8929: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 8916 TO CLARIFY THAT THE COUNTY AND EISENHOWER STORMWATER PROJECT IS INCLUDED IN THE ARPA GRANT APPLICATIONS

Bill 8929 was presented for approval to update the ARPA application. Commissioner Dohmen made a motion to approve, and a second was heard from Commissioner Gaspar. The following vote was recorded: Brownsberger – yes, Dohmen – yes, Gaspar – yes.

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR CHAPELL DRIVE OVERPASS PROJECT

A letter to the US Department of Transportation stating the City of Monett has committed to funding the Chapell Drive Grade Separation Project, which includes the elimination of the railroad crossing at Chapell Drive and construction of a highway-rail grade separation at Chapell Drive. The City of Monett Comprehensive Plan acknowledges our commitment. The community voted this project as a priority by passing a transportation sales tax. The City of Monett has committed to funding this project for \$2,352,000 along with committed funding from MoDOT for \$250,000. Mayor Brownsberger made a motion to approve, and a second was heard from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was recorded: Brownsberger – yes, Dohmen – yes, Gaspar – yes.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SICK LEAVE BANK OR DONATIONS POLICY

City Administrator Weiner stated that a sick leave bank had been discussed in the past and was being requested again. Sara Smith spoke to the council regarding her request for a sick leave bank that allowed employees to donate sick leave for others who are short due to unforeseen circumstances. Commissioner Dohmen said he would like more information before a decision is made.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRPORT BOARD

City Administrator Weiner stated the purpose of an airport board would be to advise and review; airport staff and council would make the decisions. The board would work in cooperation with the City of Monett. Revisions were suggested for the requirements of the board, which will be made by City Administrator Weiner.

DISCUSSION REGARDING VACANT CITY LAND AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

City Administrator Weiner stated he had been approached about the City of Monett selling 15 of the 55 acres of land the City of Monett owns south of the golf course for a multi-family housing development. Price per acre would include expenses for lift station.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW SUBSTATION PLACEMENT AT CEMETERY

City Administrator Weiner stated Skip Schaller, Utilities General Manager, had suggested a new substation be built where the existing Cemetery building is, which had significant fire damage. Mayor Brownsberger suggested he see if alternative properties were available so the existing building could still be used for storage.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PURCHASING POLICY

City Administrator Weiner presented an updated purchasing policy. Changes that were discussed involved raising approval levels and meal expenses while on City business. Council agreed to the new purchasing policy as presented.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MPUA'S ELECTRIC LINE SERVICES PROGRAM

City Administrator Weiner stated that MPUA has an Electric Line Service Program which would require a resolution approval. Skip Schaller, Utilities General Manager, did not expect to need it, but it would allow for additional manpower if ever needed. There is no cost unless it is utilized.

UPDATE ON VARIOUS ONGOING PROJECTS

City Administrator Weiner passed out an update of projects to the Council members.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with a motion from Commissioner Gaspar, and a second from Mayor Brownsberger. The following vote was recorded: Brownsberger – yes, Dohmen – yes, Gaspar – yes.


Angie Irwin, Acting City Clerk