

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY APRIL 3, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday April 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Houston and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Mayor Ken Houston, Councilors Ralph Widmer, Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, Kim Kramer and Phil Vogel. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Mayor Houston presented the Wheelchair Basketball Championship Trophy to Police Chief Randy Soliday. The Police Department defeated the Fire Department on March 9th.

Citizen Participation-Peggy Furrer approached the Council about obtaining a key to the gate located at the top of the Tioga Hill. Peggy indicated she needed to get her trailer down to her property. Council Member Tim McQuinn stated that it was his understanding Peggy Furrer would have her own lock to unlock the gate for access. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated he would open up the gate for her upon notification. Council Member Phil Vogel indicated he did not feel providing Peggy with a key was appropriate. Peggy indicated the access to her property has always been with an easement connecting it to Tioga Road. Mitch Billue stated Tioga Park is located at the bottom of the hill where the flat area is along the waterfront. Ralph Widmer inquired whether the Furrer property has a deeded easement. Tim McQuinn suggested that during the committee meetings he held it was discussed there would be a key with multiple locks. Mayor Houston indicated he was not aware of that specific discussion. Tim McQuinn made a motion which would allow Peggy Furrer to contact Mitch Billue and schedule the gate to be unlocked at Tioga Road. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads Reports- Park Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that Rick Read will be leading a "birding" walk on April 22nd. He continues to work on the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant with KIRPC. He also made a presentation to the Tourism Authority about the Park areas. The Rotary Club will be assisting the Parks repair the Gazebo by applying for a grant offered through the Club. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that he, Assistant Chief Strange and Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann have been working with Rooney & Associates on the Ambulance Medicaid Reimbursement Program. Joseph Goltz will be sworn in on April 7, 2017. Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated the Department was involved in a high-speed pursuit on March 28th which ended up in Pulaski County. On March 30, there was a shooting on Grace Court where the perpetrator fled to Lafayette and was arrested. Twin Lakes High School will be having the "Every 15 Minutes Program" on April 25th.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool said there will be a meeting on the 11th to move the E South Street Project forward. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported an aeration line blew out with the old plant. He and Street Commissioner Frank Arthur met with property owners on Bluewater Drive regarding stormwater issues. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross thanked all the Department Heads for their help during Disability Awareness Month. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that trees have been planted along the 200 block of North Main Street. He also received the plans from Lightstream on Phase 5 of their fiber installation.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

1. Tootsie Roll Drive-Knights of Columbus-Steve Goodwin requested permission to hold the drive on June 1st, June 2nd and June 3rd. He said the CDC Clients will be working on the 1st from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The K of C will be working on the 2nd from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and from 8:00 am to noon on the 3rd. The streets involved are the ones previously approved by the Council. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Main Street Tour-Taste of White County-Ingrid Landis requested the Council approve the event scheduled for July 28, 2017. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the event as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Ralph Widmer thanked Ingrid Landis and Steve Goodwin for their volunteerism. Tim McQuinn offered his comments about the Owensboro, KY River Park area. It is a wonderful lay out and would be worth the Council's time to check it out.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello