

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Cathy Gross and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at 120 W Washington Street and conducted in person and virtually using the Zoom virtual meeting format.

Roll Call: Called by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered “present and in person” by Mayor Cathy Gross, Kim Kramer, Bill Cheever, Doug Pepple, Ken Houston, Dan Oldenkamp. and City Attorney George Loy.

Minutes: Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 19, 2022. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Chief Lingenfelter reported the interviews for a new Police Chief will begin this week. New Ford Explorers for 2023 will be going up in price by \$10,000.00/car. Assistant Chief Craig Green reported that some members of the department completed Leadership Training (200 Block). Members of the Tactical Response Group trained with the team at Jasper County. Sam McVady and Aaron Miller passed their National Registry Skills Exam and be taking the written testing very soon. Water Department Supervisor Wade Cohagan indicated three hydrants have been replaced. The IDEM inspection has been completed and did go pretty well. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated there will be one more brush pick up before the leaf pick up starts. He expects another active year with street repairs/paving for 2023. Park Department Supervisor Mitch Billue reported he has received 5 RFQ’s for the Park Five Year Master Plan and the Parks Board is reviewing them. He said he attended a Trails Gathering event in Zionsville and learned of new funding sources for development of trails. Wastewater Supervisor Bob Lindley reported that there is still an ongoing evaluation of the leak with tube 1 of the Bryans wet weather holding tanks. Bob said that he and the Mayor will be attending a meeting with Governor Holcomb on 10-11-2022 to receive an award for the Rain Barrell Program. Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported he was able to raise \$27,500.00 to replace an old boat the fire department uses for water rescue. He is looking into a program called DARI which is a 10 minute screening assessment through Pro Tram Tactical for muscle/skeletal issues. Bob also indicated October is Hearing Loss Awareness Month. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell provided a review of current activities and future events.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

1. **Consideration of City Council Appointment to the MRC-Holly Moore**-Dan Oldenkamp indicated that Alyssa Adams has resigned from the MRC and will be moving with her husband to Florida. Alyssa recommended Holly to replace her on the MRC. Doug Pepple made a motion to appoint Holly Moore to the MRC. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **First Reading 2023 City Budget-Ordinance 2022-14**-Council President Bill Cheever thanked the Mayor, Department Heads and Council Members for their cooperation during the budget process. Council member Ken Houston asked why longevity pay for 2023 was not calculated for public works and utilities like it was when public safety was first done. Mayor Gross stated that in the past there was an assumption that an employee would be working until he or she maxed out. She and the working group did not want to consider longevity in that manner. Ken Houston also inquired about the fairness of paying the Compliance Officer more salary for 30 hours per week of work than other employees that work more and are paid less. Bill Cheever suggested that there is a commitment for 2024's budget that administrative positions will be reviewed for possible changes. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14 for first reading and move it to a second reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay and Oldenkamp-aye. Motion carried.
3. **First Reading of Salary Ordinance 2022-15-Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2023**-Dan Oldenkamp made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-15 on 1st reading and move it to a 2nd reading. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Oldenkamp-aye. Motion carried.
4. **First Reading of Salary Ordinance 2022-16-Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers, Public Works and Utility Employees of the City of Monticello, Indiana for Calendar Year 2023**-Bill Cheever indicated that the ordinance includes an inflationary stipend of \$1500.00. Dan Oldenkamp recommended the stipend be pro-rated based upon the number of months an employee has worked in 2022. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-16 on 1st reading and move it to a second reading with the addition of the pro-rate language as stated by Councilor Oldenkamp. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Oldenkamp-aye. Motion carried.

5. **First Reading of Salary Ordinance 202-17-Fixing Salaries of the Appointed Monticello Department of Public Safety Officers and Establishing a Salary Matrix for the Calendar Year of 2023**-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-17 on 1st reading and move it to second reading including the pro rate language change. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Oldenkamp-aye. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Gross thanked SOMA for their efforts with the Barktober event and the MRC for the Riverwalk ribbon cutting. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann reported that a transfer ordinance will be required to move funds into the gasoline line item.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello