

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY DECEMBER 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on December 19, 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:** Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 5, 2022. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint meeting of the Council and Monticello Redevelopment Commission of December 7, 2022. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Head Reports**-None

**Committee Reports**-None

**Old Business-**

- 1. Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rates and Charges-**Mayor Gross opened the hearing at 6:06 pm. City Attorney George Loy indicated that the proposed water rates were introduced on December 5 2022. Jessica Lynch representing Baker Tilly reported that the rates will be phased in over a four year period. The first year will be \$3.50/month for the average water user. Years 2-4 will be approximately \$.80 per month in each year with the average water user. Mayor Gross closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.
- 2. Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-24-Water Rates-**Dan Oldenkamp made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-24 on second reading. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 3. Second Reading of Salary Ordinance 2022-26 and 2022-27-**Council member Ken Houston pointed out that the PRN positions had not realized a pay increase for several years. He also indicated that the Certified Lab Operator position was new. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley added that the position was approved by the Board of Works in 2021. Dan Oldenkamp made a motion to approve Ordinances 2022-26 and 2022-27 on second reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

- 4. Second Reading of Transfer Ordinance 2022-25-Clerk Treasurer-**Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann explained the reason for the transfer of funds will be to provide additional funds to pay for HR services/training in 2023 with the Henriott Group. The transferred funds will be encumbered if approved by the Council. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-25 on second reading. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Oldenkamp-aye. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- 1. ADA Transition Plan/Title VI Update-**Ken Houston made a motion to have the ADA Transition Plan Update be read into the minutes. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Resolution 2022-10-Encumbrance of Funds-Street, Police, MVH, Parks, and Clerk Treasurer-**Chief Kyburz explained to the Council he would like to encumber \$60,000.00 into 2023 in order to purchase two new police cars. Street Superintendent Frank Arthur said he wants to purchase a new leaf truck and grind brush that did not get done this year. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue said he will use the funds for the new 5 year master plan. Dan Oldenkamp made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Oldenkamp-aye. Motion carried.
- 3. Accounts Payable Vouchers-**Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-**There were holiday best wishes and thank you's expressed by the Mayor and Council members. Also, thank you's to Dan for his service on the Council.

**Adjournment-**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello