

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JULY 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on July 17, 2023 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, Bill Cheever, Doug Pepple, Ken Houston, Kim Kramer and City Attorney George Loy.  
**Minutes:** Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of July 3 2023. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-Daryl Rickey requested permission to tie green ribbons around the City as a way of showing support for Maci Amick. Maci is an eight year old girl who has been having seizures and is in Riley Hospital. The doctors are not able to explain the seizures. Ken Houston made a motion to allow Daryl and her “team” to tie the ribbons. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Department Head Reports**-None

**Committee Reports**-None

**Old Business-**

1. **First Reading of Purchasing Policy Ordinance 2023-08**-Ken Houston made a motion to table action on Ordinance 2023-08 until a future meeting. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business**

1. **Ball Corporation-Statement of Benefits**-Steve Mathis, Finance Manager for Ball Corporation presented the CF-1 PP form and reported statistics regarding employment and the assessed value of the manufacturing equipment for the Monticello facility. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the statement of benefits for Ball Corporation. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **White County Building & Planning**-Joe Rogers-Rezone Petition 1172-Change from a B-2 class to a B-4 classification for a property at 706 N Main Street. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the rezone request. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Rezone Petition 1173-706-Change from a B-2 to an R-2 class with the address of the property 706 N Main Street. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the rezone request. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Amendment S A8 Minor Subdivisions-This amendment is intended to streamline the procedure for the subdivision development process. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Amendment S A10 Design Standards-This amendment provides for Drainage Board oversight when a new subdivision includes a detention/retention pond element. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Amendment A73 Renewable Energy Systems-This deals with regulations and standards for battery storage capacities and makes these in line with State requirements. It also includes the provision for an Emergency Response Plan along with Homeland Security standards. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the A73 amendment as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, and Houston-nay. Motion carried.

**3. Public Hearing (combine with #4 below)**

**4. Monticello Strategic Plan**-Phillip Roth with American Structurepoint thanked the Council for entrusting the role of collaborating and creating the document with them. Mayor Gross opened the public hearing at 6:44 pm. With no questions or comments coming from the floor the public hearing was closed at 6:46 pm. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the Monticello Strategic Plan. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**5. Joint Resolution-Fire Department Becomes a Training Institution**-Council member Ken Houston inquired about liability and insurance requirements with this initiative. City Attorney George Loy indicated he will be meeting on this matter to get additional information. The resolution is a first step to begin the process of applying for the training institution. Ken Houston made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

- 6. Introduction of the Stormwater Utility**-Mayor Gross thanked the stormwater utility working group for their efforts with the discussions and planning details bringing the matter to this point. Doug Pepple spoke in favor of the utility in that moving forward with it would bring additional revenues to the City which would provide a means to improve infrastructure. Ken Houston added that the stormwater utility could help provide funding for needed construction projects. Andy Harmon questioned whether the stormwater funds received would be used only for stormwater projects. Mayor Gross indicated those funds may not be used for water or sewer projects because of the statute covering stormwater. It was decided to obtain the specific statutes and share with the Council and Board of Works members.
- 7. Wastewater-Permission to Apply for Next Level Jobs Grant**-Bob Lindley requested permission to apply for 2 grants each being in the amount of \$5,000.00. The money will help pay for salaries. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the request as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 8. Parks Dept-Permission to Apply for the Roy Whistler Foundation Grant**-Mitch Billue indicated the funds from the grant would be used to acquire additional displays for the Nature Center. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 9. Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-None

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello