

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on September 5, 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, David Roth and City Attorney George Loy.

Minutes: Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 18, 2023. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Agenda items 1 (SOMA) and 2 (MIH) are to be placed before the Dept Head reports.

Citizen Participation-None

SOMA-Brandi Page announced that the golf outing raised \$11,473.24 for the Christmas Lights fund. Check presentation was made to the City of Monticello. Hooray!

MIH Director Nick Green accepted an AIM Award for Program Innovation which was presented at the AIM Conference on August 23rd. The award was made to the City as a result of the partnership between the Fire Department and the IU White Memorial Hospital. The work done by Nick and Courtney Dyer has saved the hospital \$400,000.00 because of curbing the revenue loss due to re-admissions.

Department Head Reports-Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz reported that Walker Donley graduated from the Academy with honors. He was one of eleven from the class of 168 to receive this recognition. Edgar Estudillo also graduated on 8-18-2023. Patrolmen Powell and Cox attended and passed Instructor Development Training. There were 579 calls in August, 22 were criminal, 192 traffic, and 29 involving accidents. Fire Commissioner Galen Logan indicated that Ron Graham passed his testing to become a licensed paramedic. In August there were 319 runs, 262 for ambulance, 57 fire of which 43 were for Monon. Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported that he has provided assessment documents to the departments in advance of Fire Prevention week. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell thanked Best’s Bowling Center for their generous support of the recent fundraising event. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that the alley improvement projects over the past 2 years cost \$118,939.00. The road salt pricing has increased by \$4.40 per ton. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that the Building Trades students will be helping reroof one of the pavilions. The school of guitar will be holding a concert at the Nature Park on 9-29-2023. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported the aerator problems at the plant will be more expensive than originally thought. There will be updated details soon on this. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley indicated the department reported they have been making repairs on stormwater sinkhole issues.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

3. **Request for Homecoming Parade-TLHS Principal Missy Whitehead**-Ken Houston made a motion to grant permission for the parade to be held on 9-15-2023 at 4:00 p.m. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Nathan Baker-Permission for Veteran's Parade**-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the request for a parade to be held on November 10th. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **White County Building and Planning-Rezoning Petition 1176, Amendment A76 and Amendment A78**-Jenilynne Kyburz outlined the reason and purpose for the rezone petition request 1176. Twin Lakes School Corporation is planning to build a new elementary school building and the rezone is needed to comply with planning requirements. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve # 1176 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Jenilynne Kyburz explained Amendment A76 as it pertains to allowing a subordinate, single family, detached dwelling unit which already has a principal dwelling unit on site. This would allow entry level, single family dwellings as a way of addressing the housing shortage needs. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Amendment A76. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple, aye, Houston-nay, and Roth-aye. Motion carried. Lastly, Jenilynne Kyburz explained Amendment A78 as a means of making grants available for the expansion of broadband to White County. The County would become "broadband ready" per IC 5-28-28.5-7. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the amendment A78 as presented. David Roth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **MFD-Request Permission for HUB & Spoke Grant**-Galen Logan reported that Governor Holcomb released funds for building training centers. The Fire Department would like to apply for these funds. Doug Pepple made a motion to give the MFD permission to apply for a grant. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
7. **Ordinance 2023-08-Purchasing Policy**-City Attorney George Loy outlined the changes in the law for the City to make purchasing decisions. It would provide a means to change the thresholds for quoting and bidding. Bill Cheever suggested changing Section 3A to read \$35,000. Section 4A would then range from \$35,000 to \$150,000. Section 10 would also have to be changed. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

- 8. Public Hearing-Stormwater Utility**-City Attorney George Loy opened the public hearing at 6:55 pm. Matt Rummel with Christopher Burke Engineering presented the background on what a stormwater utility can do for a city or town. He showed a chart which listed the stormwater communities throughout the state of Indiana. Over a 5 year period the potential of \$2.7 million dollars could be generated if a residential rate of \$6.05 per month was adopted. A credit manual was also developed to allow for a reduction of rates based upon specific conditions being met. Thom Timmons representing Monticello Farm Service asked the Council to seek another solution when considering the stormwater issue. Noel Condo representing Condo & Sons spoke against the utility. Tim Deardorf representing Monticello Mini Storage expressed concern about the rates and how they compare to other rate payers. He also asked about the permeability matter and what that means. Council member Ken Houston questioned through what authority permeability is defined. Board of Works member Andy Harmon suggested that if rate reductions were offered to commercial rate payers it would impact the \$6.05 residential rates being discussed. Bill Cheever made a motion to table action on the ordinance. David Roth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 9. Ordinance 2023-15-First Reading-Stormwater Rates**-Tabled per #8 above.
- 10. Report on the Indiana Arts Commission Grant**-Mayor Gross reported that a \$10,000.00 grant has been received by the City for the purpose of painting the Railroad trestle East of the City on US 24. The Railroad has been cooperating with the City on the project. Also, City Officials offered well wishes to David Roth who has resigned from being on the Council.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello