

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY DECEMBER 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on December 17, 2018 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 Doug Pepple, Ralph Widmer, Tim McQuinn, Phil Vogel, and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, except for Doug Pepple who abstained, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Tim McQuinn requested that under New Business, Item 2 “Discussion of dehumidifier for old fire station” be added. Also, the Mayor said that Dan Oldenkamp (MRC) wants to address the Council under “Citizen Participation” regarding the gazebo next to the water department.

Citizen Participation-Mayor Houston recognized Dan Oldenkamp who addressed the Council with a proposal on construction of a new gazebo where the current one stands adjacent to the City water department. Dan stated that a local organization has recently backed out on supporting the gazebo renovation project. The work was to be coordinated as an Eagle Scout project. Dan presented new details for removing the old gazebo and building a new, ADA compliant gazebo as follows: The Boy Scouts will tear down the gazebo, the Street Department will haul it away, the ADA will donate the concrete for a new foundation, Rotary will provide \$1,500.00, SOMA will provide \$1,500.00, and a private donor will provide \$1,000.00. Dan requested the Council consider providing \$2,900.00 to help build a new gazebo. Ralph Widmer inquired whether the current gazebo location and its use is a part of the planning with other and future downtown improvements. Cathy Gross indicated the gazebo has been used for weddings in the past. She also stated that the floor in the gazebo is a health hazard. Dan Oldenkamp and Ralph Widmer both agreed the gazebo should be (at a minimum) removed. Phil Vogel indicated he walked inside and around the gazebo and believes the gazebo can be saved without a complete tear down. Cathy Gross indicated the City has worked through the years to make repairs and new projects ADA compliant and this project should be handled in the same way. Parks Department Supervisor Mitch Billue stated he is for removing the gazebo and building a new one. Doug Pepple indicated he is in support of the project. Mayor Houston stated he feels the project meets an important criteria as with past projects where the City engages in partnerships to get things done. Kim Kramer asked if we had the funds available. Jim Mann indicated the money could come from “repair and maintenance”. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request for \$2,900.00 to help fund the gazebo project. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McQuinn-Aye, Kramer-Aye, Pepple-Aye, Vogel-Nay, and Widmer-Aye. Motion carried.

Department Heads Reports-Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported there was a water main break on Maxwell Street last Saturday. There are also six open cut areas which will be patched with blacktop this week, weather permitting. Park Department Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated the footers for the new building at the Nature Center were poured last week. The block walls will be started after the 1st of the year. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported leaf pick up is essentially done with 152 loads in the books. The department will be picking up Christmas trees. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported that AIM is sponsoring a day long workshop event covering ADA, FMLA, and Human Resources matters. Cost is \$119.00. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported he attended the White County Community Foundation Awards Banquet and the MFD was given \$1,000.00 towards moving the Bell Tower from its current location to the new station. He also said that he and Assistant Chief Green attended training on 12-11 and 12-12 regarding pediatric disasters. Galen strongly recommended everyone install smoke detectors and/or check the ones already in your house. It is important to make sure they are properly working. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported Bob Lindley and Dave Fagan have successfully completed eight week courses through Ivy Tech on Microsoft Excel and Word, respectively. Adam indicated he will be Secretary-Treasurer in 2019 of the IWEA-Indiana Water Environmental Association. Adam is also planning repair projects for 2019 and continuing to work with Commonwealth and Umbaugh on the Long Term Control Plan. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that Officer Nathan Myers will be leading a Women's Defensive Tactics training exercise. He also said the Shop with a Cop event was a success. Nearly \$21,000.00 was spent and 68 kids were involved.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

1. Resolution 2018-14-Resolution to Encumber Funds-2nd Reading-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann reported that there are two encumbrances to consider. The one involving encumbering funds from MVH for use as matching dollars in 2019 Community Crossings will not be permitted by the Board of Accounts. The resolution has an encumbrance from the Parks Department in the amount of \$37,000.00 for use with building materials for the Nature Park building. It also has \$25,940.00 from the Street Department to purchase a new truck. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-14. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Police Department-Ordinance 2018-17-2nd Reading-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-17 as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. The funds will be used to purchase three new radios.

New Business

- 1. Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Discussion of De-humidifier at old Fire Station**-Tim McQuinn presented the need for a dehumidifier in the basement due to high moisture levels. This will help prevent mold. Phil Vogel questioned whether a second unit would be required due to the bays on the main level of the station. Rod Pool suggested in the summer a second one may be necessary, but one is definitely required now for the basement. Tim McQuinn made a motion to purchase a dehumidifier in the amount of \$3,300.00. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-The Mayor, Council Members, and Clerk Treasurer all wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello