

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, December 15, 2008, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008, a motion was made by Council member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, one abstained, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Daryl and Linda Diggs addressed the Council about their desire for the City to run water and sewer on Tyler Lane, off of East Ohio Street. Mayor Thompson told them that M.D. Wessler has just drafted up a preliminary study on that section of the City. We are just getting started looking into that issue. It is too early to give a timetable as to when this project will get underway. The City will need to determine how to pay for the water and sewer service.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that his department has been surprisingly slow. Last weekend they delivered toys to 225 families – 591 kids. The leftover toys they took to the United Way. They were down in the number of toys they received and up in the number of kids that needed them.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that Jeremy Kyburz graduated last Friday from the Police Academy. The police department is fully staffed for the first time in almost 2 years. There are lots of domestics and petty thefts this time of year. Mayor Thompson, Chief Blount, and Dave Cox had a meeting today at 4:00 p.m. Dave has agreed to clean up his sidewalks and remove the aluminum door and trash from the back yard of his property on Reynolds Blvd. They are meeting this spring to discuss the trees that need trimmed.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that estimate damage at Voigt Park is right around \$5000.00. They have started to work on drinking fountains that they will be putting in at Voigt Park next year. He is working on a grant for the skate park.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that everything is pretty normal. They had one broken main last week. The building is going slow in this weather. The footings are all in at this time. It needs to warm up to put the floor in.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that everything is pretty much normal. He and Mayor Thompson met with IDEM last Monday. They did not learn a lot. He said it was a red tape meeting. IDEM has finally reviewed the City's CSO plan. There will be some revisions to the plan.

Street Department Doug Roberts had a family event tonight. Mayor Thompson stated that Doug has a few more leaf pickups. The water department helped the street department with salt. Joe will help, also.

Consideration of Appointing Council Member Bill Smith Representative to the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District

Mayor Thompson stated that Bill has been a member of the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District for several years. He asked Bill if he would like to continue to serve on this board and he agreed. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to appoint Bill Smith as representative to the Northwest Indiana Solid Waste District, seconded by Council member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2008-22: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of White County, State of Indiana

City Attorney George Loy stated that White County Area Plan sent over this proposed amendment of the newly approved zoning ordinance. He would prefer the Council not approve this until they see what changes are to this amendment. They did not send over the changes. The Council has 90 days to act on this. He will see that the Council gets these changes by the next Council meeting. Council member Jim Mann said the change is in verbiage only. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to table Ordinance 2008-22 until the next meeting, seconded by Council member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2008-23: Amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County, Indiana and Accompanying Zoning Maps

City Attorney George Loy stated this is a rezoning ordinance that was approved by Area Plan. It proposes to rezone approximately 1.154 acres owned by N.J. Properties II, LLC. The property is at Fisher and First Street. It proposes to rezone the property from I-1 to B-2. This area will be the City's new Skate Park. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2008-23, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution 2008-11: Encumbrance of Funds

City Attorney George Loy stated that it is necessary to encumber funds of \$64,817.08 for purchase of a new ambulance that has been contracted for but will not receive until 2009. Council member Dave Kelly made the motion to approve Resolution 2008-11, seconded by Council member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion Regarding Downtown Parking & Fines

Police Chief Curt Blount and his Parking Enforcement Officer met and came up with some ideas on how to improve the downtown parking issues. They have addressed the 2

hour parking zone ordinance. This cannot be enforced until 9:00 am. They have proposed starting this at 7:00 am. Currently the ordinance says nothing about moving your car during the day in order not to receive a ticket. They propose to add to this Ordinance that it is unlawful to relocate your vehicle whose time has expired to another position on the same side of the street within the same block. Any vehicle that remains in such place for a period of longer than prescribed time is determined to be illegally parked. Basically they will eliminate people running out moving their cars everyday all hours of the day. Penalties will be increased for these violations. City Attorney George Loy will formalize these changes.

Accounts Payable

Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the Accounts Payable as presented, seconded by Council member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - NATIONAL HOMES OCRA GRANT

Kimberly Baker, representing KIRPC, addressed the council and public about the application for the Monticello National Homes area storm drainage problem. Edwin Buswell is taking care of this grant, but was unable to attend the meeting. In accordance to the grant agreement, the City is required to hold a public hearing to hear any comments or voice opinions or concerns in regards to this grant application. The project abstract consists of constructing a drainage system to address significant flooding in the National Homes area. The system will consist of approximately 6000 linear feet of storm pipe, 10 curb inlet or catch basins, sixteen manholes, and an outfall to the J.L. Buss ditch. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,200,000.00. The City is requesting \$500,000.00 from CFF grant, which is a Community Focus Fund Grant that is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. There will be \$700,000.00 in local match for the project. The City has received lots of letters and pictures in support of this project. The Mayor praised KIRPC and Randy Mitchell for all their hard work.

Linda Diggs had a concern where the drainage from Buss ditch will go to and Park Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that it goes to the City Park. There are four sediment traps there and they have recently been cleaned.

Ken Kersey had concern about the weather siren at the new skate park. When it goes off it shoots against the pine trees. He would like the City to consider moving the siren. Mayor Thompson stated that the City does not have control where the siren is located.

Council member Bill Smith question Fire Chief Shane Swaim about his overtime budget.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer

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