

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, November 16, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. 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 Mayor Jason Thompson, Council members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There was a correction to the minutes of the special meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009. Roll call was answered by the Council members, not the Board of Works members. This has been corrected. A motion was made by Council member Dave Kelly, seconded by Council member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as corrected for the special meeting on November 2, 2009 and as presented for the regular meeting on November 2, 2009. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Curt Blount gave the Council information about the Law Enforcement Continuing Ed fund. There is \$2,500.00 left in the budgeted amount for 2009. He would like an additional amount of \$2,196.40 for software for four MDT in-car computers. That total cost is \$4,696.40. Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar stated that there is \$13,826.78 in the fund. This total is after paying for rifles and cases totaling \$10,853.00, which were approved by the Council in 2008 and paid for in 2009. Council member Eric Storm made the motion to approve the additional appropriation of funds from and to the Law Enforcement Continuing Ed fund in the amount of \$2,196.40, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Chief Blount has been working on two new squad cars for 2010. He believes they will be going with Dodge Chargers. They are coming in \$1,800.00 cheaper each car than in 2009. They will be making this decision in the next couple of weeks.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated today they started working on Christmas lights. He is working with a group from Purdue University on a couple of projects from the five year master plan. They would like to come on December 2, 2009 to present their ideas at the Anhierer Building. Jordan Park is coming along very nicely. Skate Lane is taking comments from the public regarding the design of the skate pad.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that they opened bids for the National Homes project at the Board of Works meeting. The concrete is poured for his new building. Merrill Brothers will start the fall land application as soon as the weather cooperates.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated the last filter on the hatches is draining now. It will be sent off tomorrow to get fixed. That should be the last of that issue. We need to sell tornado memorial bricks to raise money for the memorial site. A banner will be placed there indicating the City is selling them.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that his department is gearing up for the winter. He gave the Council a report on his current run numbers. The toy drive will be December 12, 2009. They are winding down from the summer.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts was on vacation.

Financial Report

Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar gave the Council the current Investment Activity Statement for the 3rd quarter of 2009. Interest rates do seem to be coming up for 2010. She is pleased with how the investments are going. Umbaugh will no longer be involved in helping her at the end of the year. She appreciates their help and the knowledge they provided her.

Ordinance 2009-29; Transferring Funds Within the Various Accounts of the City of Monticello, Indiana

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is an ordinance he prepared after consulting with Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar about the need to transfer these funds. This transfer is in the General Pool accounts: Account #113 – Lifeguard & Instructor and Account #115 – Concessions. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2009-29, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2009-29, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Request for Additional Tax Abatement for Additional Equipment – Ball Corporation

Ross Rittberg and Christine Craig, Ball Corporation, asked the Council for an additional tax abatement. They are installing new bottle neckers, bottle bodymakers, and other manufacturing equipment to provide additional capacity for the AlumiTek line. This equipment is new to Indiana. Ross stated that they cannot make enough cans at this time. This is very good for Ball Corporation. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve Ball Corporation's request for the additional tax abatement, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Presentation of the Downtown Revitalization Project – Schneider Corporation – Kevin Foster

Kevin Foster, Schneider Corporation, presented to the Council a presentation of the proposed Downtown Revitalization project. This project started in the summer of 2008. They have completed the study and are now looking for ways to fund the project. The City can apply for a few different grants. Kevin explained the process the committee has gone through to get where they are today. His presentation outlined the way the four blocks of downtown Monticello will look if funding becomes possible. This will go from Foster Street to Harrison Street, with Main Street being the focus. This is an exciting project with a lot of potential for the community.

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.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer