

MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
OCTOBER 16, 2006

The regular meeting of the City of Monticello, Indiana Common Council was held on October 16, 2006 in the Council Chambers of the City Building at 6:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Fox and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Patricia Golden was answered by Mayor Robert Fox, Councilpersons William Smith, Grace Oilar, Jim Mann and Jay Clawson. Councilperson Bud Mummert, absent.

There being no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 02, 2006, a motion was made by Councilperson Oilar seconded by Councilperson Smith to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote: all aye.

Citizen Participation

Mr. Kenneth Kersey thanked the City for helping to eliminate the concrete dust in their neighborhood.

Department Head Reports

Superintendent Roberts said that after leaf pick-up another limb pick-up would be scheduled.

Permission to Solicit at City Intersections

Rhonda Smith, Campaign Coordinator for Morgan Cosgray, said this is the fourth year that she has requested permission to solicit donations for the Children's Organ Transplant Association for Morgan Cosgray. She is holding the fundraiser on Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 8:00am until 4:00pm and would like the intersections of Main and Washington, Main and Broadway, Washington and Illinois and Main and Fisher Streets. Chief Reynolds mentioned that due to the construction taking place on North Main Street traffic might be an issue at the intersection of Main and Fisher. Ms. Smith said they would not use Main and Fisher and Councilperson Clawson reminded her that no children would be allowed in the intersections. A motion was made by Councilperson Mann seconded by Councilperson Clawson to approve the request by Rhonda Smith to solicit funds at the intersections of Main and Washington, Main and Broadway and Washington and Illinois Streets on November 4, 2006 from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Roll call vote: all aye.

Chamber of Commerce Request for Parades

Christine Shafer presented the Chamber of Commerce request for October 28, 2006 for the annual Halloween Parade at 4:00pm with the parade route being the same as in previous years from Constitution Plaza to Illinois Street to Broadway Street and back. Last year there were 300 entries and the Chamber is anticipating more this year. She also is requesting the use of the Fire Station bay in case of rain on October 28th. Ms. Shafer said the theme for this year's Christmas Parade is "Count Down to Christmas" with the requested date of December 2, 2006 beginning at 2:00pm with the same parade route of starting at Twin Lakes High School down Jefferson to Main to Foster to Illinois to Jefferson and returning to the parking lot at the high school. She said the Chamber is requesting that the City department heads notify their employees if the department is affected by the parades. Ms. Shafer said that entry prizes are posted

after the entire parade has passed the reviewing stand and awards given out that following week. A motion was made by Councilperson Oilar seconded by Councilperson Smith to approve the Chamber of Commerce parade date and route requests as presented by Ms. Christine Shafer. Roll call vote: all aye.

Trick or Treat Date

Trent Wright said that Halloween should be celebrated on October 31st and made the request that trick or treat be held that Tuesday. Councilperson Oilar said she called polled 30 people and 5 said they would like to have trick or treat on Halloween night and 23 said definitely on Saturday as they did not want their children out on a school night. She said 1 didn't care and 1 wanted it on Friday night. Councilperson Smith said he polled 16 people and 3 didn't care and 13 wanted it on the weekend. Councilperson Oilar said they also suggested the hours of 5pm-7pm for trick or treat rather than 6pm-8pm. Councilperson Clawson said that when trick or treat is not held on Halloween then kids come from surrounding towns. He also thinks people participate more on Halloween than on the Saturday before. Councilperson Mann thinks it is practical to have it after the Halloween parade. A motion was made by Councilperson Oilar seconded by Councilperson Smith to set trick or treat night for 5pm-7pm Saturday, October 28, 2006. Roll call vote: all aye.

Hometown Matters

Jan Mills, Mayor of West Lafayette, addressed the Council on Hometown Matters. Hometown Matters is a comprehensive plan devised by the state's municipal officials to reduce reliance on property taxes, establish alternatives for financing local government and enable municipal officials to provide the most efficient, effective government possible. This would allow local municipalities to determine their own options to replace revenue. Since the state has enacted the 2% circuit breaker and capping property tax increases, local government needs to be able to choose how to replace the decrease in revenue. If approved by the General Assembly, it would allow counties to adopt options such as local sales tax, supplemental income tax, local innkeeper's tax, and local food and beverage tax, or a combination of the taxes. If after a year the county does not adopt options, each municipality could choose to adopt an option for itself. Mayor Mills asked the council to contact their state legislators.

Request from White County Economic Development Organization

Ms. Connie Neinger is requesting each municipality in White County contribute to the organization to provide additional funding for promotion. The additional funds would also be used for projects that might include paying for building permits, employment training, help with bonding, to assist in planning and implementing economic development projects around the county and other incentives that might entice or retain businesses. She has requested a percentage of the County Economic Development Income Tax that is distributed to each municipality. Councilperson Mann said that after talking with Clerk Treasurer Berkshire there would be a small amount in the CEDIT fund not committed to debt service and also some could be taken from the Rainy Day Fund. His recommendation was \$5,000 from each fund. The other council members agreed that participation would be beneficial to the organization and that each year the amount could be reviewed. Attorney Loy will draft an ordinance amending the CEDIT resolution to be presented at the next meeting. A motion was made by Councilperson Mann seconded by Councilperson Oilar to request Attorney Loy to prepare the appropriate resolutions for the contribution of \$5,000 from the Rainy Day Fund and \$5,000 from the CEDIT fund to the White County Economic Development Organization. Roll call vote: all aye.

Accounts Payable

A motion was made by Councilperson Clawson seconded by Councilperson Oilar to approve the Accounts Payables as presented by Clerk Treasurer Berkshire. Roll call vote: all aye.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matter

Attorney Loy said that bids were opened at the Board of Works meeting for the West Side Sewer Extension Project. The bids were substantially under the engineer's estimate. Mayor Fox said that things are progressing on North Main Street.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Patricia Golden, IAMC
Deputy Clerk Treasurer