

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 6:17 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 Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy. Council Member Bill Smith was absent.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, May 4, 2009, a motion was made by Council member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, motion carried.

**Citizen Participation**

**Centennial Celebration – Monticello Sports League – Trent Wright**

The June Centennial Celebration is being coordinated by the Monticello Sports League. Trent Wright is in charge of this month's celebration. Before he started to tell the Council about the celebration events, he addressed another issue. He attended a baseball tourney the previous weekend and talked with the lady who was in charge of the tournament. They expected to make in revenue, for their park's department, \$7000.00. He would like to see our community start doing tournaments, also. He understands that the biggest obstacle is a baseball complex that could provide this event. The sports groups are going to have the celebration on June 20, 2009. This is the same day as the championship game at the Monticello Little League. Tentative times are 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. for the games. Butch Kramer is going to be the emcee for this event. They are planning to bring back the 1957 Little League State Championship Team. Between games, they will have history from the 1950's. They will have pork burgers and hot dogs. After the three games, there will be home run derby for the kids to participate in, at \$5.00 for ten pitches. All the money collected that day will go to the Food Pantry. The Mayor has agreed to participate. There will be soccer T-Ball for the adults. This event is expected to go from 10:00 a.m. to 5 – 6:00 p.m.

Ken Kersey addressed the Council again about the semis parking in front of McDonald's. He feels this is a safety issue because they block the view when pulling out of McDonald's. He has contacted the State Highway Department and would like the Council to contact Tim Marker, who is in charge of traffic. After much discussion, Dave Kelly made the motion for the City to proceed to investigate and contact the State Highway Department and McDonald's about this concern, and designate a Council Member to be in charge of this issue and report back to the Council, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. Four ayes, motion carried. Jim Mann will talk with McDonald's and Dave Kelly will contact the State Highway Department.

**Department Head Reports**

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that everything is pretty quiet. Mayor Thompson stated that a downtown business owner thanked him for the City cleaning the sidewalks and streets on Thursday night. Doug's department took care of this. The intersection at 6<sup>th</sup> and Rickey will open on Thursday throughout the weekend. They will close the intersection on

Tuesday morning to finish what needs to be completed. The signals are up and working. There will be no more detours on the weekends. This project should be completed in a few weeks.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in a row that he has complained about the rain. The plant is operating fine. They have had a few brake downs in some storm drains, which is not surprising.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they are still working on figuring out the hatches on the filters at the plant. They should have a solution in the next few weeks. He has two companies coming into town this week to do a study on the corrosion on the water lines for the National Homes project. This solution will help to keep the water lines free from corrosion for several years. His department has a lot of little projects going on and the City Storage building hopefully will be done the end of next week.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that they have been busy with some minor thefts, which they have solved. Adrian Sanchez has started as the Animal Control / Ordinance Officer. He has finished his on-line training and is now working on some physical training he needs. He has been out tagging yards and cars. His department is still having in house computer problems. The server is almost ten years old. Next meeting he will bring info to the Council about this issue. He is looking at a business lease program through HP or Dell.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that the new aerial fire truck was delivered on Tuesday. Wednesday, they signed the papers for the truck. Training for the new truck will be done by the end of this week. Friday, late afternoon, the truck will be in service. Chief Swaim thanked the Council for the truck. They are still having problems with the water heater at the station. He will investigate this issue further. He has applied for a grant for training, air removal system, and upgrade rescue tools.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that his seasonal workers are back to work. The new picnic tables are assembled and out in the parks. The City Pool is fully functioning as of today and will be open this weekend. The Scouts are helping work on the Skate Park. Last Thursday, they received the final security system delivery.

#### **Consideration of Noise Ordinance Amendment; Time Change**

Council Member Dave Kelly stated that his concern with the current ordinance is quiet time, which is between 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. It would be helpful with daylight savings time to amend this ordinance so quiet time is between 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to suspend the rules to amend the noise ordinance quiet time from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to amend the noise ordinance quiet time between 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. Four ayes, motion carried.

#### **Accounts Payable**

Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. Four ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Liz Oilar  
Clerk Treasurer