

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on, Monday, March 2, 2009 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, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy. Council member Bill Smith was absent.

There being no further additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that they will be working at Jordan Park on March 14th. There has been more vandalism at the City Park. He asked the Council for funding of cameras at all parks for additional security. He needs \$4000.00 from the Council. After discussion, it was decided to give Mitch the funding from the Council's new equipment line item. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to give \$4000.00 for the park's cameras, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. Four ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that it's business as usual. The sewer problem has been fixed. The basement is still wet. They moved a trailer from the Street Department to the Fire Department. It's a District IV training trailer they can use. He went to the Carroll County Commissioners today and gave them a proposal to cover the Jefferson and Adams townships for ambulance protection. The Commissioners approved it and now it is up to their Council to fund it.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated he has given the Council copies of quotes for a new generator at the Police Department. He also gave the Council copies of what the department is lacking in for their computer system. They lost their generator the day of the ice storm and since then have been having problems with their server. They are working on their annual training they do each year. They are going to work with the Logansport Department for Rifle instructions. Curt will help them with their Emergency Vehicle Operations. No money will exchange, just each departments time. After additional discussion about the generator, Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to authorize funding for a new generator at the Police Department, using the Council's Repair and Maintenance line item, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. Four ayes, motion carried. Council Member Eric Storm stated that the computer system was outdated and they cannot get any new updates because it is outdated and nothing is available. He is helping Curt to find a replacement for the computer system, including updating the police cars. The Police Department will be able to fund 50% of this project. Eric and Curt will keep the Council informed on the computer system issue.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that all is quiet at his end of town. The Mayor has been keeping him busy with projects. He is getting close to turning everything in on the National

Homes Grant Application. There is a storm drain at Foster and Third that is full of sand and Water Superintendent Rod Pool addressed that.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that it is pretty quiet for his department.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that there was a major water main break at Foster and Third Streets. He has concern because everything is aging and having corrosion problems. This was a main topic at the conference he recently attended in Indy, along with conserving water. The broken main had an eight inch T with an eight inch plug. The six bolts that hold the plug on were eaten out. The man came up to the stop sign and his front tire went into the hole. Rod was there in twenty minutes. They called the wrecker and they couldn't get it out. They called a bigger wrecker. Rod and his crew found the locates. In the meantime, the car kept sliding further into the hole. It took three hours to get the car out of the hole. Due to that the whole intersection was flooded. Their pumps were not able to handle all the water. Fire Chief Swaim offered the fire truck and they helped to get the water under control. The Water Department has a lot of cleanup to do and catch basins to clean and fix. Rod is working with a gentleman about the corrosion problems. He is hoping to find a solution before the National Homes project starts. This gentleman is also doing a seminar on March 25th in Wolcott. Rod recommended that the Council watches Liquid Assets on WFYI. He believes this is very informative. He is looking for a pump that will help in case the Fire Department wasn't available.

Public Hearing – National Homes Storm Sewer Grant – Resolution 2009-01

Kimberly Baker, KIRPC, addressed the Council and stated that this is the last official public hearing for the City of Monticello KIRPC application for the National Homes Storm Sewer Project. We are requesting \$600,000.00 from the Community Budget Funds from the office Community and Rural Affairs. The local match is \$686,825.00. She stated that this is everyone's opportunity to voice concerns and ask questions. The public hearing was closed. City Attorney George Loy stated that a resolution was submitted by KIRPC. It authorizes the Mayor to submit an application for grant funding for the National Homes project. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Resolution 2009-01, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. Four ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing – Utility Billing – Ordinance 2009-07

City Attorney George Loy stated that notice has been published and given as required by law concerning a proposed amendment of our billing procedures for the Waterworks and Wastewater Disposal Utilities. George went over the proposed Ordinance. He asked if there was any questions, comments, or concerns from the public or the Council. There were none and he closed the public hearing. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to pass Ordinance 2009-07, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. Four ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Liz Oilar, Clerk Treasurer