

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, April 6, 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 Mayor Jason Thompson, 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, March 16, 2009, a motion was made by Council member Bill Smith, seconded by Council member Dave Kelly, to approve the minutes as presented. Four ayes, one abstained, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that he has given information to the Council for sidewalk quotes. He will be bringing this in front of the Board of Works on April 20, 2009. His department distributed flyers door to door about the dates for brush and limb pickup.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that he would like it to stop raining. He finished the spring land application two weeks ago. Everything else is pretty normal.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they had a broken water main this morning on Countrybrook. They had a plant problem this afternoon. This is the first time there's been a problem in seven years. They had an air release valve stick. Water was everywhere. Maintenance work is scheduled for tomorrow at the plant.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that his department will be on the range qualifying with the new rifles. He and Assistant Chief Miller will travel to Columbus on Thursday for a class about the grants available from the stimulus package. He will finish up with the interviews for the Animal Control position next week. He hopes to present his decision to the Board of Works on April 20, 2009. They will have Emergency Vehicle training the first of next month. They solved and made an arrest on the Rural King burglary. Everything else is running smooth at the police department.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that he has been planning park programs with Cindy Isom. They will be having Lincoln Day in the Park on April 9, 2009. Its official -- Mitch is a Certified Playground Inspector. He has been interviewing guards for the pool this summer, along with concession workers. The pool opens May 23, 2009. Wednesday evening he will be interviewing seasonal positions at the park. The pier will be fixed at Bluewater next week. He has been busy with odds and ends.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that his department has a number of projects going on at this time. The trailer out back is a District 4 trailer from Homeland Security. They have been building onto it for training purposes. He plans to get a hold of some volunteers this week and start working on how the department operates and classes for them. They are cleaning up around the station. The front concrete safety pylons have been repainted. One shift is trimming trees and pulling bushes. Another shift is working on the Awards Banquet and painting inside the Fire Station. Carroll County Commissioners do not want an agreement between them and the City for ambulance service in Jefferson Township. He will approach the Jefferson Township Trustee to see if there is any interest in this service. Today he started the process of specking out the new engine so when they get the approval they will be ready to order.

Permission to Have Cruise Day Tuesdays – Ken Prieboy

Ken Prieboy approached the Council with the idea of having Cruise Day Tuesdays around the Court House square starting May 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. He has attended a similar event in Crown Point, which has been very successful. Businesses and restaurants stay open late. There is the possibility of a few vendors. He would like to have a D.J. at these events. He believes this will be a nice family night to enjoy. He doesn't feel that he needs to have any of the streets blocked off. He would like to use the Court House property for the D.J. and lawn seating. Police Chief Curt Blount recommends an officer on foot downtown during these events. No action is required by the Council because he isn't blocking off any streets. As this event grows there is the possibility he will need to go before the Council again. The Council was agreeable and wished Ken good luck.

Consideration of Write Off Policy for Ambulance Receipts – Fire Department

City Attorney George Loy stated that last week Fire Chief Shane Swaim indicated that at the last audit, with the State Board of Accounts, it was recommended that the ambulance service have a write off policy. They currently do not have one with past due accounts. Even though an account may be written off, it does not mean that the City cannot collect on these accounts. Council Member Eric Storm made the motion to direct City Attorney George Loy to draft a policy for ambulance receipt write offs, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Home Occupation Application – Area Plan

Mayor Thompson stated that this is a new part of the Area Plan ordinances. Council Member Jim Mann stated that Mr. Rogers has done his diligence as Director of Area Plan. The applicant has met the requirements. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the Home Occupation Application, dated March 25, 2008, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer