

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, May 16, 2011 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 being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tim Hatfield addressed the Council with his concern that the minutes of the City Council had not been updated on the website since January 2010. Mayor Thompson told him this would be looked into.

Department Head Reports

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that things were normal for this time at his department. They are busy getting the water salesman building started. They have had lots of locates lately.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that it is also normal for this time of year for his department. They submitted their DMRQA Quality Lab testing report this week. This is a standard test for them on a yearly basis. They have been keeping up with the rain.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that they are getting the pool ready for the summer. He is getting his seasonal and college kids hired and back to work for the summer. They have completed the construction of the playground equipment at Jordan Park. They will put down the mulch this Friday and then the playground will be finished. Mitch received Federal approval for the Land, Water, Conservation Fund grant last week. This is a \$200,000.00 matching grant that will be matched with Altherr funds.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that things are going well in his department. Last Saturday was the Fire Department Awards Dinner. A retired firefighter from FNY gave a speech on his experience on September 11, 2001. This week is EMS week. They will be kicking off the ICE program and the Vile for Life program. The Health and Safety Fair is at the hospital this week and they will be there with Logansport's Smoke Education Trailer.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that he has given the Council the April activity reports. He has a couple of officers away at school this week and a couple of days next week. They will be at the Health and Safety Fair at the hospital with one of their K-9's. Runs went up when the weather got warmer. They have been steady the last few days.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts was absent from the meeting.

Permission to Have Tootsie Roll Drive – Knights of Columbus

Mayor Thompson stated that traditionally this has been done yearly. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to give the Knights of Columbus permission to have the Tootsie Roll Drive on June 10th and 11th at Fisher and Main, Main and Washington, Illinois and Washington, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar asked the Council if this needed to be put on the agenda each year. It was decided the Knights of Columbus did not have to come and asked permission to hold the Tootsie Roll Drive each year but Liz would let the Council know when they were going to have it each year.

Consideration of Fiber Line, LLC Tax Abatement Compliance with Statement of Benefits – Dave Jordan

Dave Jordan addressed the Council and stated that they are going strong. They have the line torn down right now and are adding more equipment. This will open up a whole new line of business for them. They are excited about that. Dave stated that as a company they are doing extremely good and are extremely busy. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the Compliance Statement for Fiber Line for manufacturing, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Bulk Water Rates – Water Department

Water Superintendent Rod Pool gave the Council a copy of the proposed bulk water rates for the new water salesman they are building. The City will be selling bulk water to any contractors in the area, directional boring, and filling swimming pools. This is a fairly new practice. This is not a money maker for the City but a way for the water utilities to account for the water used in these incidents. Purchasers will be able to pay by quarters or come to the utilities office and purchase a debit card that they put a certain amount of money on for their use. Other departments in the City needing water will have a debit card. This building is located on the north half of the old cemetery on St. Mary's Avenue. Rod hopes to have this in operation in the next three to four weeks. City Attorney George Loy stated that this would require an amendment to the rate ordinance which he will put together. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to consider the bulk water rates and have the City Attorney draft an amendment to the ordinance to address the situation, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance 2011-04; Amendment to Chapter 4, Chapter 12, Chapter 14, and Appendix A – Area Plan

Council Member Jim Mann stated that this is a continuing effort from the Area Plan Commission to go through and clarify some of the matters in these sections. This will make it easier to understand, easier for the public and contractors, or anyone else who needs to read the Ordinances. This Ordinance was passed by the County this morning. Mayor Thompson commended Joe Rogers, Director of Area Plan, on the work he is doing at Area Plan. He is cutting down on the red tape and making things simpler for the public and businesses. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-04; Amendment to Chapter 4, Chapter 12, Chapter 14, and Appendix A, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Jim Mann commended Police Chief Curt Blount and his department on the work on some PD issues. He feels positive things have been happening and is greatly appreciated by the public with a couple of issues he has been involved in.

Accounts Payable

Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC
City Clerk Treasurer