

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Mann and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Pat Golden, was answered by Council President Jim Mann, Council Members Grace Oilar and Eric Storm and City Attorney George Loy. Council Members Bill Smith and Dave Kelly were absent.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, March 7, 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.

**Department Head Reports**

Fire Chief Swaim said the new ambulance is up and running and will be called Medic 9. The ambulance that the Fire Department is getting rid of is at Bartlett Ford getting an engine overhaul. The manpower at the station is back to full strength and everything is going good at this time.

Captain Kyle Peterson, Police Dept., stated that Chief Blount is working on the surveillance quote and should have it ready for the next Council meeting. The Vehicle Towing and Body Armor policies have been approved by the Board of Works today.

Water Superintendent, Rod Pool, stated that all National Homes water lines should be finished in a couple of days, weather permitting. Everything else is going good and we are waiting for work to resume on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Joe Mowrer, Wastewater Superintendent, said everything is running smoothly. They are getting ready to start land application, probably half million gallons, which is normal and will be doing that for the next several days depending on weather.

Street Superintendent, Doug Roberts, stated that the residents should be getting flyers for leaf and brush pick-up starting April 4. They have been picking up leaves this week. Today the department started to vac and cleaning sewers, so there might be some residents hearing gurgling or noise in their pipes.

Council President Jim Mann stated that the Council received the revised Personnel Policies Handbook for their review and Council Member Grace Oilar suggested that it be discussed at the next meeting, April 4, giving the members time to review it.

### **Consideration of Four Way Stop at Fisher Street, Woodlawn Avenue and O'Connor Boulevard**

Council President Jim Mann said that the study was done to see if additional stop signs are necessary for this location. A grant is being pursued by the mayor for federal money through the Safe Routes to School program and this study was conducted to identify dangerous intersections. Council Member Grace Oilar voiced her concern over the study and the cost of \$1,200 for hiring Schneider to do this. She felt that the Street Superintendent and Police Chief could have conducted this for the City. Council President Mann stated that to pursue this grant, the City would have to have an engineering group conduct this study. Street Superintendent Roberts expressed his opinion that because of the positioning of Woodlawn Avenue, a stop sign on Fisher Street would need to be placed at least 80 feet away from the actual stop which could create more confusion for motorists. He also stated that a large spruce tree located at the corner of Woodlawn and Fisher would need to be removed to avoid creating a blind spot in the intersection. Captain Kyle Peterson mentioned that the area around the proposed intersection has not been one that generates many traffic violations. Roberts also felt that the report should have included pedestrian traffic. After a lot of discussion, Council Member Grace Oilar asked that this matter be tabled for further review at a later date due to the fact that two board members were missing as well as the mayor. A motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Eric Strom to table this until further review.

All ayes, motion carried.

### **Accounts Payable**

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

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Pat Golden, IAMC, CMC  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer