

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, March 7, 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 Deputy Clerk Treasurer Pat Golden, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Dave Kelly, 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 regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 and special meeting on March 2, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Discussion of Transportation Enhancement Grant – Jim Mann

Department Head Reports

Doug Roberts, Street Superintendent stated that they will start brush pick-up on April 4 and it will be on the first and third Mondays of the month. A flyer of the days for brush pick-up will be available for the public soon. Ohio Street will be closed for two to three days for work on the storm sewers.

Rod Pool, Water Superintendent said the work on the water filters are done. F&K Contractors for National Homes will be putting in the final five inserta valves, so they can isolate Ohio Street and replace all the water lines.

Joe Mowrer, Wastewater Superintendent said business as usual. The plants peak flow during the snow and rain was 2.4 MGD.

Shane Swain, Fire Chief said the month of February was busy. The new ambulance will be ready next week. The one fireman who was on injury leave is back at work and the other fireman will be back on the 14th.

Curt Blount, Police Chief, stated that they just completed a joint training session. Sixth Street will be closed March 14 and 15 from U.S. 24 to Hanawalt Road.

Liberty National Life Insurance Company – Lee Rodriguez

Mr. Rodríguez, Field Representative of Liberty National Life, presented an overview of the services provided by his company. He is requesting permission to talk to the employees about the various insurance benefits his company provides. He would talk to each department and it would be up to the employee to participate. The deduction would go through our Payroll. A motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm to permit Mr. Lee Rodriguez of Liberty National Life Company to talk to the City employees regarding various insurance services. All ayes, motion carried.

Request for Authorization for Cancellation of Outdated Checks

Clerk Treasurer, Liz Oilar submitted a list of the most current two year outdated checks in the City of Monticello's various checking accounts. She is asking permission to remove these checks from the outstanding list on their check register. The funds will go back into the accounts from which they have been drawn upon. A motion was made by Council Member Jim Mann, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar to give the Clerk Treasurer permission to remove these checks from the outstanding list on their check register and return the funds to the accounts which they have been drawn upon. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion of Transportation Enhancement Grant

Council Member Jim Mann told the council about an opportunity to pursue a Transportation Enhancement Grant worth just under \$1 million through the Indiana Department of Transportation. It is a fund that requires a local match of 20%. The application deadline is March 18, 2011. Council Member Mann and Council Member Eric Storm have been researching this and the grant could be a good opportunity for the City to utilize state funds, as well as work already completed on this project. Money the City has already spent on both the downtown revitalization study as well as the new streetlights on Main Street could be applied towards the City's 20% match of the grant, a total of about \$160,000. That leaves the City to come up with \$40,000 and Council Member Mann suggested after checking with Clerk Treasurer, Liz Oilar, these funds could be taken out of the Cumulative Capital Development funds in increments. If the City received the full grant of \$1 million, the project per block would cost approximately \$500,000. The money would not be awarded until 2013 if we got the grant, but we need to budget for the money needed for the match. Council Member Grace Oilar expressed her concerns if the City only received a portion of the grant, what monies would be used to finish a block. At the last budget time, this was not a popular thing to use large sums of local tax dollars on this project. Mayor Thompson stated that the amount of work completed would be solely dependent on the amount of money awarded by INDOT. A motion was made by Council Member Eric Storm, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann to approve a grant application for the Transportation Enhancement Grant through the Indiana Department of Transportation. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Pat Golden, CMC
Deputy Clerk Treasurer