

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, May 2, 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, April 18, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Larry Sanson stated that the month of May is the Veteran's Relief Fund Drive. This involves the AmVets, VFW, the American Legion. He is representing the American Legion. They would like to offer Poppies for donations on May 21, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They would like to stand at Broadway and Main, Illinois and Washington, and Fisher and Main. The monies collected will go to the White County Veteran's Relief Fund. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to approve the Poppy Day's as presented, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that his department is busy. They do not have any new projects at the moment. They have been picking up brush and are maintaining the streets in National Homes. The National Homes project has a small delay due to several gas lines not as deep as they need to be. Nipsco is aware and is working with the City to fix this problem so reconstruction of the roads can be completed.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that they did not have any prom incidents this year. Officer Jim Reynolds is retiring. His last official day is May 15, 2011. They are preparing for summer.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that they are running at capacity at the plant. He would like to see it stop raining any time now. It is business as usual for his department.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that it is business as usual for his department, also. They are gearing up for MS week which is May 16th through May 21st. He has a part time and a full time firefighter who have left the department and each of them went to Westfield.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue and Water Superintendent Rod Pool were absent from the meeting.

Consideration of Ordinance 2011-02; Amending Chapter 10 – Signs and Chapter 14 – Definitions – Area Plan

This ordinance was tabled at the last meeting. Council Member Dave Kelly stated that the paper work the Council received clarifies the areas the City has jurisdiction and answered their questions. Council Member Dave Kelly sat on the committee to establish sign policies. He feels this amendment is a strong attempt to simplify the ordinance and make it more enforceable and understandable. He is proud of the work the committee did on this issue. Joe Rogers, Executive Director Area Plan, will enforce the sign ordinances. He will involve the City, County, or State when signs are in the right of ways of either the City, County, or State. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-02 as presented based on the discussion the Council has had on this issue, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. Phil Vogel, Vogel Real Estate, asked if he would be in violation of this ordinance for putting up an open house sign for his business. Council Member Jim Mann stated that this would be a short term, temporary thing and he did not feel it would be a problem. City Attorney George Loy agreed. Vote was taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Permission to Hold Bucket Shake for Relay for Life – Rebecca Baxter

Rebecca Baxter asked the Council permission to have a bucket shake for Relay for Life this Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. They would like to stand at Illinois and Washington and Main and Washington. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to grant permission to allow Rebecca Baxter to hold the bucket shake for Relay for Life on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Adkev Tax Abatement Compliance with Statement of Benefits – Bonnie Cothran

Bonnie Cothran, Adkev, addressed the Council. They are here tonight to show that they are in compliance with the SB-1 Statement of Benefits. She presented a brief summary of Form CF-1. From March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011 they had a total of 115 employees at the Adkev Monticello facility. They have paid out a little over 2 million dollars in salaries. As of March 1, 2011 they have 77 employees being retained and their salaries are approximately 1.9 million. Each year they have grown more substantially and quicker than they have expected. From the start to this abatement they have purchased 8 million dollars in machinery and equipment. This is well above the 2.8 million that was projected. They have been affected by the disaster in Japan but are hoping to be back to normal by July. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the Adkev Tax Abatement Compliance with Statement of Benefits, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

Don Miller addressed the Council with his concerns in National Homes. He and his wife are residents in this area. Today everyone in National Homes received a letter from the City. It states that any new construction of water lines and water meter replacements are required to have a check valve installed at the water meter pit to prevent the flow of water from coming out of the house and back into the City's water system. These rules and regulations are set by IDEM, AWWA, and the Monticello Cross Connection Ordinance. Since construction began in National Homes Don has had a couple water incidents where he has had to call a plumber. He is now concerned his hot water heater may explode until he can get this new issue fixed. He is wondering if he should leave his water dripping to relieve pressure until he can get a

bladder installed or should he do something else. Mayor Thompson was unable to answer Don's question and Water Superintendent Rod Pool was sick and unable to be at the meeting. The Mayor will have Rod call Don tomorrow. They will get the answers to Don's questions and let the other residents know as well.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC
City Clerk Treasurer