

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and acting Mayor Kaitlyn Cook. Danielle Gaumer, also acting Mayor for the day 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, Bill Smith, Eric Storm and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday May 16, 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.

If I Were Mayor Contest Winners

The Mayor introduced Danielle Gaumer and Kaitlyn Cook from Roosevelt Middle School, sixth graders, who were the regional essay winners of the "If I Were Mayor, I would" contest. Thompson read each essay and commended the girls on their good ideas.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief, Shane Swaim stated that everything is going well. He handed out the run reports. All the equipment is up and running and they are waiting for State approval of Perf for Josh Anliker to work full time.

Superintendent Rod Pool said everything is pretty normal. There was a broken main on South Street and in the last two years, there have been four breaks in that area and the main will have to be replaced in the near future.

Police Chief Curt Blount gave a brief update on the abandon homes issue. Had a hearing on this issue and the Board of Works ordered four of the homes to be destroyed. Inmate work crew worked around town on painting over the graffiti. Last month the police calls were up because of the weather and beach opening.

Superintendent Joe Mowrer said they had to use the emergency generator for 18 hours because of the storm. The life stations were alright and everything else is going OK.

Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that the brush pick-up is going well. They are fogging when the weather permits it and keeping up with their daily routine.

Park Superintendent, Mitch Billue stated that they had little damage from the storms. The Anheier Building has been rented more this year for different events which is good. Daily maintenance on park and pool has been going well and along with mowing. On June 26 the nature park community clean-up day is scheduled. The Celebration of Parks event is all set up and should go well.

Permission to Hold White Clover Drive – AMVETS

Bud Peterson representing the AMVETS asked permission to sell white clovers on July 2, 2011. These funds are used to help our community in various ways. This will be the 16th year that this organization will sell the clovers on Fisher and Main and Broadway and Main for four hours. Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith made a motion to grant permission for the White Clover Drive to be held on July 2, 2011 at Main and Fisher and Broadway and Main. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Request for Alley Vacation – Eric & Kim Delph

Attorney Loy stated that Eric and Kim Delph live at 513 North Illinois Street and have been in contact with Council Member Mann regarding vacation of an unused alley which adjoins their property. Attorney Loy provided the Council with a copy of a plat from 1890 of that part of town which is the only available description of property without a survey. The law requires that anyone wanting to vacate an adjoining public way must submit a Petition of the legal description of the property to the Council and the Council would set up a Public Meeting and it be published in the paper. A certified mailed notice must be sent to the adjoining land owners. On the plat the Delph's land is lot 21, the 15 feet of the alley is south of their property. Steve and Tanya Klopfenstein reside at 509 North Illinois Street which is lot 22. Loy talked to the department heads and a utility right of way will be necessary in case the City needs to use that 15 feet in the future. If the Petition is granted, 7 ½ feet will go to the Delphs and 7 ½ feet to the Klopfensteins. If the Council wants to move forward on this, the Council would set up a Public Meeting at the next City Council meeting and publish this in the paper, which the Delph's would take care of. A notice will be sent to the Klopfensteins. Council Member Dave Kelly made a motion to proceed with the Hearing and the Petition, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2011-05; An Ordinance Amending the City of Monticello, Indiana Personnel Policies Handbook

Mayor Thompson stated that although we just got our new revision of the Personnel Handbook, due to legislation that had just changed to go into effect on July 1, 2011, Senate Bill 292 Firearms Regulation, as to what you can and can not do with employee regarding firearms this amendment will comply with the change. Council Member Grace Oilar made a motion to approve the Amendment to Ordinance 2011-05 – An Ordinance Amending the City of Monticello, Indiana Personnel Policies Handbook seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2011-06; Ordinance Amending Charges for the Use of and the Services Rendered by the Waterworks of the City of Monticello, Indiana by Providing Rates for Bulk Water Sales

Attorney Loy said that this requires a Public Hearing when it comes to water rates and a notice be sent to the paper and a notice out to water users outside the City. The Hearing will be set for the next Council meeting on June 20, 2011. Superintendent Rod Pool feels this should be up and running in the next two or three weeks. A motion was made by Council Member Jim Mann to have a Public Meeting on June 20, 2011 for Ordinance 2011-06; Ordinance Amending Charges for the Use of and the Services Rendered by the Waterworks of the City of Monticello, Indiana by Providing Rates for Bulk Water Sales, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Dave Kelly expressed a concern regarding the National Homes hot water problems regarding check valves and other water related issues. Rod Pool, Water Superintendent explained that the City had to update water meters with check valves, now required by state code. Pool said homes with newer water heaters arrive with check valves installed. Without also installing an expansion tank, those check valves can cause problems for the owners. As a result, Pool stated that many plumbers knock out the check valves when installing the hot water heaters causing more problems. One of the problems is that the distance between the homes and the meters are of short distance. From the lots to the meter it is between 30 and 35 feet, and that is a lot closer than in other parts of town. As a result, residents experiencing problems have either had malfunctioning hot water heaters, or have been leaving the water running to avoid a pressure build up. Council Member Kelly suggested that the Council approve a \$100 credit to be given in 10 increments of \$10 to the residents in need. Council Member Eric Storm expressed a concern that this would present a precedent for other water issues. After much discussion, it was decided to look into this matter more before the next meeting. Council Members Jim Mann and Dave Kelly will research this further and report back to the Council the next meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Pat Golden, CMC
Deputy Clerk Treasurer