

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, July 5, 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 2nd Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sarah Baunach, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, 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, June 20, 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.

Department Head Reports

Water Superintendant Rod Pool stated things were pretty normal for his department and they are staying busy. He will be glad when Sixth Street is finished.

Police Chief Curt Blount said that they had an extremely busy weekend due to the holiday weekend. Curt stated the training he had mentioned in the last meeting went well and is completed and everything should be done by the end of September or early October. He said everything else is running smoothly.

Street Superintendant Doug Roberts said that we have got a lot of rain, but they did get a pass of asphalt down on the east side of the Sixth St. road. Street curbs were also poured on Sixth Street between the corners Fisher Street and Hanawalt Road. He said there were a couple of trees down Saturday night that they had to cut and clean up. Other than that, Doug said the weekend went well and everything is running normal.

Park Superintendant Mitch Billue stated that the celebration at the park went very well. Mitch said over a thousand hot dogs were sold last year and 947 hot dogs sold this year giving the indication of how well the celebration went, especially since the heat index was 113 degrees Fahrenheit.

Public Hearing – Rehabilitation of the Water Tower, 4th & Foster Streets

Randy Mitchell said that the water tower is in bad shape and is need of a recoating on inside. He stated that there are some health and safety issues, IDEM issues, and some OSHA issues with the water tower that needs to be top priority for the city. Randy said the total cost of the rehabilitation will be \$562,000.00. Randy said he spoke with Mayor

Jason Thompson about the matching of funds and the Mayor said he would like to keep it to the bare minimum. The minimum requirement is ten percent, which would be a cost of \$57,000.00. By paying the ten percent, it would make the total of the grant about \$505,000.00. Randy also spoke with Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar on where the funds would come from. Liz stated the funds were coming from Water Operating. The proposal for this grant will be submitted on July 22, 2011 and the application will be submitted on September 30, 2011. Randy said the awarding on the grant should be around the end of November or early part of December. He has received several letters from residents, the Mayor, and companies about why we need to rehabilitate the water tower and is always accepting more letters. The letters are sent in with the grant documents.

Water Superintendant Rod Pool added to the hearing that he has been looking at this tower for quite a few years and the north and south towers will also be in need of repair in the next few years. He said that the tower was built in 1958 and was worked on about twelve years ago, but rehabilitation was put on hold because it was very expensive. Rod said that the tower is in need of the rehabilitation.

Council Member Jim Mann asked Randy Mitchell how much money was in the total amount that other communities and our city are going through. Randy stated OCRA's funding has been dramatically reduced this year. Typically about \$16,000,000.00 is awarded each round. The last round, OCRA awarded \$9,000,000.00. He said infrastructure grants are very competitive and giving the competitiveness and reduced funding these grants are going to be tough to get.

Mayor Jason Thompson asked if we increased the match, would it help on the point system. Randy said that it will help and there is plenty of time if the Council wishes to increase the minimum percentage on the proposal. Water Superintendant Rod Pool said that it might need to be talked about because if the city didn't get the grant, the project still needs to be done. Council Member Jim Mann asked how long the project would take and Rod said that it should not take any longer than sixty to ninety days, but is a warm weather project. He also said that the tower will not be in working condition throughout the duration of the project.

Consideration of Ball Corporation Compliance with Statement of Benefits – Greg Wiggins

Greg Wiggins, Ball Corporation, stated that Ball Corporation is going very well and they are continuing to invest in their plant. They are also developing new products that they hope will bring more sales and sustain the company well into the future.

Council Member Jim Mann told Greg Wiggins he is glad that the City of Monticello has their company in our community. Jim stated he had reviewed the documents and they look fine. City Attorney George Loy agreed with Council Member Jim Mann. A motion was made by Council Member Jim Mann, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar, to approve the Ball Corporation Compliance with Statement of Benefits. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance 2011-07; Amending the City of Monticello, Indiana, Personnel Policies Handbook

The amendment to Ordinance 2011-07 was to change the wording on the bereavement time. The wording needed to be changed from five calendar days to five consecutive work days for regular employees, which totals thirty-five hours. Regular employees are everyone except fire & police employees. Firefighters who work twenty-four hour shifts are eligible for two consecutive work days, totaling forty-eight hours, and police officers who work twelve hour shifts are eligible for four consecutive work days, totaling 48 hours. Council Member Grace Oilar made a motion to approve the Amendment to the City of Monticello, Indiana, Personnel Policy Handbook, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Amending Water Rate Ordinance for Fire Protection Charge on Sprinkler Meter

Water Superintendant Rod Pool said residents that have a water meter for their normal water & sewer usage and a meter for irrigation only get charged for the fire protection twice. The fire protection charge is \$5.77 per month per meter. He said there have been several questions and complaints on this matter. Rod stated there are roughly fifty to seventy residents and/or businesses in town that get charged double for the fire protection. City Attorney George Loy added that the Ordinance states the charge pertains to all meters. George also said the Ordinance would have to be amended in order to change the fire protection charge. The Council Members decided not to make any changes and leave it the way it is.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Sarah Baunach
2nd Deputy Clerk Treasurer