

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, August 15, 2011, at 6:00 pm. 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 Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, and 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 meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Jim Mann, and seconded by Council Member Eric Storm, to approve the minutes as presented. Three ayes, one abstained, one absent, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Swaim stated that things were going well in his department. The South Koreans came back last Friday and they showed them how to cut up a car and they toured the hospital. They were presented certificates for hazard awareness. The second ambulance was sold last week through RSI. There is no more surplus equipment.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that the water salesman building is up at the cemetery. For the most part it is done. They are waiting for the electricians to wire the inside and then it will be ready for service. They are still getting lots of locates that take several hours each day.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated he also has been getting lots of locates. The plant is running good. They did have a flight bust on their chain drive on the flight and a check valve to the digester failed today but they are working around them. The plant is getting some age on it so things are starting to wear out here and there.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that there are a couple of more weekends for the City Pool to be open. The last day will be on Labor Day. Mitch has an Eagle Scout who is going to start work on the boardwalk at Jordan Park. Other than that, it is business as usual.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that Rieth-Riley started milling on Sixth Street today. As soon as they are finished they will start milling for the City. Then blacktopping will start on those streets. Brush and limb pick up is going well. There are three different fiber optic companies putting in lines through out the City.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that the last few weeks with the heat have taken a toll on a few of the police cars. On one car, the sensor failed to turn the fan on and they lost a

radiator and possible damage to the computer system. They have two Chevy Impala police cars that GM is no longer making parts for it right now. Last Monday evening Officer Morehead was responding to an emergency call and his squad car was hit by a young driver trying to get off the road for him. There was \$5000.00 worth of damage but no injuries. The building on Chestnut Street has been taken down by Wrede & Sons.

Discussion of the Proposed 2012 Budget

Mayor Thompson stated that last year when we combined the general supplies and the general institutional supplies it has been quite a savings to the City. The Mayor felt comfortable taking an additional \$10,000.00 out of each of those lines items for the coming budget year. He added to this years Council budget Information Systems. He would like to try to do something for the computer system here in the City, whether it is allowing someone on a contractual basis to take care of our computers, or a line item where computers for the City can be purchased. Increased items out of our control are the pensions for both police and fire, property, liability, and workman's comp insurance, and the Med-Bill service for the ambulance revenue at the Fire Department. There was an adjustment to the Telephone line item due to the new phone system that is being installed this year. Mayor Thompson also added a postage line to the Council budget. Each department is currently taking care of postage on their own. Mayor Thompson feels we could save on this by using the postage machine at the Court House. He has talked with the Commissioners and they will allow us to use theirs for the cost of the postage only. Council Member Jim Mann asked why Med-Bill budget line for the Fire Department increased \$17,000.00. Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that it was a combination of the projected increase in ambulance service and the possible increase in Med-Bill rates. Currently as is, the proposed 2012 Budget will need \$152,330 of cash on hand to fund. The 2012 Budget will be advertised twice - Friday, August 26, 2011 and Friday, September 2, 2011. It goes to the County Council on September 2, 2011 for their review. The first reading of the proposed 2012 Budget will be on October 3, 2011 and the adoption will be on October 17, 2011. The Council decided to meet in pairs of twos this week to discuss any changes they may want to make to the proposed 2011 Budget.

Accounts Payable

Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. Four ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC, CMC
City Clerk Treasurer