

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

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, November 7, 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, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Phil Vogel addressed the Council with his concerns of the new parking lot the church built on Maple Street. His concern is that they tore out the sidewalk, put a blacktop approach, and did not cut curbs or flare them in any way to even go into it. The City spends all this money to clean up sidewalks and approaches. They are not being put back in the same manor. Phil called Street Superintendent Doug Roberts and he looked in the City's Standards book regarding approaches. They can be either asphalt or cement. Phil believes they should be cement, match up to the curb, with a cement sidewalk. He would like the Council to consider changing this standard. Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that after he talked with Phil he called one of the Trustees of the Church. The Trustee told Doug that they were supposed to come back in the spring, after it has settled, and redo it.

Department Head Reports

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that the plans are to shut South Street on Wednesday, weather permitting. Tomorrow they will do five cuts across South Street. They will start asphaltting in the National Homes Wednesday if everything goes accordingly. Trash pickup will be early Thursday so they can get it done before asphaltting resumes. There will be no brush pickup until the leaves are picked up. Council Member Dave Kelly asked Doug about the cement approaches on each side of the railroad tracks on Sixth Street. Doug stated that this is a new INDOT requirement on three lanes to stop emergency and nonemergency vehicles to go through the center lane when the gates are down.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that Christopher Blake has completed his medical and psychological testing. Everything is at the State level and they are waiting to hear from them. Next week they will finish up the annual training. Everything is running smooth right now.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they replaced three air relief valves at the Water Plant on filter one. They are going to do the other two filters. Three air relief valves will be replaced on one filter in the next three to four weeks and the other filter the next three to four weeks. This seems to be helping and they will probably need changed every four to five years. Rod talked with Chris Dowty today. They are pretty much done on Sixth Street. They are going to have the final walkthrough and draw up the punch list on Wednesday.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that Merrill Brothers was in town Friday, Saturday, and finished up today. They land applied approximately 433,000 gallons of sludge over the last three days. The digesters are now empty. They have been in clean up mode at the plant. They drained the chlorine contact tank and squeegeed it out. They are getting set for winter.

Fire Chief Swaim stated that things are going pretty well. He gave the Council a monthly run report. They are in their slow time and runs have gone from an average of ten to eight per day. Halloween night was uneventful. Everything is up and running.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that things are going well at the parks. They are putting up Christmas lights at the City Park. The Rotary Club finished putting in a new gazebo in the lower part of the City Park and it looks awesome. He has been working with the Eagle Scouts at Jordan Park the last couple of weekends. The new boardwalk is coming along. They will be working this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and will be finished then. The restrooms are closed up and everything is winterized.

Consideration of 2012 Meeting Dates and Times

Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the 2012 meeting times and dates, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of 2012 Holidays

Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the 2012 Holidays schedule as presented, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Bill Smith stated that he has had some complaints about the new tattoo business that is located beside the radio station on Main Street. They were bringing their chairs outside and set them on the sidewalk in front of the business. Bill was told that when people went by they would sometimes get smart with them. Council Member Jim Mann stated that this is still a BZA continuation (Special Use Exception) concerning this business. This business was voted down, but the Board can rehear it should the executive record deem it necessary. There is a continuance to do this.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC, CMC
City Clerk Treasurer