

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JUNE 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday June 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Houston and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Mayor Ken Houston, Councilors Ralph Widmer, Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, Phil Vogel and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2017 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McQuinn-aye, Vogel-Abstain, Pepple-Aye, Kramer-Aye and Widmer-Aye. Motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-James T Cook addressed the City Council on storm sirens. He said he did not hear the siren in the downtown area during the recent storms. Mayor Houston indicated there is a new siren in the area where the old hospital was located. He also said that it was not in operation during the recent storms, but now is in operation. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated he heard the siren earlier in the morning.

**Department Heads Reports**-ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the National Symposium and indicated there is new technology coming available for individuals with disabilities. She will be conducting Title VI training for all employees on June 27 and 29. The ADA golf outing will be on August 12. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported the street rejuvenation project has been completed. INDOT has recently put forth updated information regarding the Community Crossings program. It will be a 75/25 match with a cap at \$1mm dollars. The City will be required to provide the 25%. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported all the paperwork has been completed and submitted for the Medicaid Reimbursement Program for 2014. The City will receive \$20,000.00. The Monticello FD will be playing softball against the WL FD on June 25<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to Special Olympics. Chief Logan said he will be finishing interviews to fill the vacant firefighter position soon and hopes to have a name for the BOW Meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Water Superintendent Rod Pool said the department will be busy with three projects. East Street, South Street, and Brittany Lane are either underway or soon to be beginning. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported the new treatment plant switch over will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>. They have made repairs on Countrybrook Lane, on East Street, and at Voigt Park. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue outlined various park programs. He said there were 47 kids involved in swim lessons.

**Committee Reports**-None

**Old Business**-None

## New Business

1. Streets of Monticello Association (SOMA) – Kathryn Springer requested the Council provide \$10,000.00 in 2017 for downtown Monticello activities. She also requested the Council budget \$10,000.00 for 2018 and beyond. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated the source of funding for 2017 could be Cumulative Capital Development (CCD). Mayor Houston requested the funds be taken from the Council's budget rather than CCD. Jim Mann stated the funds could be taken from Additional Services or Contractual Services. Doug Pepple amended his motion to confirm the \$10,000.00 be paid from Contractual Services and that in 2019 and beyond the SOMA request be reviewed along with all other City departments. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. White Clover Days-AMVETS-Mark Brooks requested the Post 91 Chapter be allowed to sell on June 30 and July 1 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the request. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2017-06-An Ordinance Transferring Funds-Fire Department-City Attorney George Loy outlined the ordinance would be a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. \$17,596.06 would be transferred from various funds to Fire Department New Equipment in order to pay for a Breathing Air Compressor at the new station. Union Township has committed \$21,000.00 towards the purchase. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2017-06 and move it to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Resolution 2017-04-White County Area Plan-Initiate the Process of Rezoning Specific Properties within the downtown area of Monticello. APC Director Colin Betts indicated this is the first step to allow the APC to begin the process. Mayor Houston asked whether the Council would have an opportunity to discuss specific properties as the process moved forward. Colin Betts indicated that would occur and it would also be possible at the APC meeting. The Council first acted on this matter in November of 2016. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-04 as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Ordinance 2017-07-First Reading-The Ordinance states that \$30,373.20 be transferred from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund to the Local Road & Bridge Fund. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann this action is required per the guidelines of the State Board of Accounts. It is also necessary to do so in order to pay an invoice for the Street Rejuvenation Project. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-07 and move it to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-**Phil Vogel inquired about the old Fire Station and whether there were any leads on the sale of the building. Mayor Houston indicated there were 1, maybe 2 possibilities. Since the department has not moved it would be hard to sell the building. Ralph Widmer commented that we all should be sensitive and aware that fireworks have an impact on veterans. Tim McQuinn asked if there was an ordinance on having house numbers attached to residential properties. Colin Betts of the Area Plan Commission indicated County guidelines require the numbers, but there is no definition as to the size and style. Deb Conover asked about the house on the SE Corner of Marion and Dewey. She has witnessed children walking in and out of the house. It is in bad shape. City Attorney George Loy indicated the City is aware of the house and is taking steps to try and deal with it, but the owner has no money to make repairs.

**Adjournment-**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello