

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday November 6, 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 Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, Ralph Widmer, Phil Vogel and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McQuinn-aye, Kramer-Aye, Pepple-Aye, Vogel-Abstain, Widmer-Aye. Motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported the Bluewater Beach access site project is progressing with renovation of the 2 fishing piers and construction of the kayak launch area. The Twin Lakes wrestling team will assist with putting up Christmas lights on 11-18-17 from 8 am to noon. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated that all the winterization has been completed. Regarding the well field he advised there will be 2 additional test wells drilled. There is no hurry on this because crops have not been harvested from the area where the test wells could be drilled. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the MFD hosted the live burn trailer from October 9-14. Joe Goltz, Chad Walther and Cody Scheurich attended training at the live fire academy in Shelbyville. Also, Assistant Chief Green, Shane Swaim and John Huff will be attending training at the FDTN from 11-13 through 11-15. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that leaf pick up is progressing slowly. The Christmas decorations have been put up downtown. Bids will be due on November 20, 2017 for the Broadway Street traffic signals. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross indicated the Wellness Event was held on October 31st. Employee participation is at 60%. Cathy offered a big thank you to all the community partners that participated in the event. The last event of 2017 will be held at the City Christmas Party on 12-15. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that on October 24 a suspicious package was identified at the Post Office. The Court House was closed. It was determined that nothing was in it. The Police radios were updated by Raycom. Department-wide firearms training will be held on 11-14 and 11-15. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey indicated he is working through a "punch list" with the new plant contractor Reynolds. Adam informed the Council a \$5,000.00 savings with NIPSCO has been realized as a result of the new plant operations.

Committee Reports- None

Old Business

1. Ordinance 2017-15-2nd Reading of Transfer of Funds Ordinance-Fire Department-Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2017-16-2nd Reading of “Jake” Brake Ordinance-City Attorney George Loy reminded the Council the fine of \$1,000.00 was inserted per motion and approval during the 1st reading. Council member Phil Vogel questioned the \$1,000.00 fine as too much. Council member Tim McQuinn said the consensus of the Council was \$1,000.00. The amount of the fine itself may serve as a deterrent. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the ordinance with the \$1,000.00 fine being added. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Ordinance 2017-17-1st Reading-Police Department Transfer of Funds-Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated \$2,000.00 from Medical Exams and \$10,000.00 from Police Part Time would be transferred to New Equipment. The funds would be used for purchasing new vests for all officers. Mayor Houston requested Chief Soliday communicate with he and the Clerk Treasurer on this matter. There may be a way to encumber the funds from this year to pay for the vests. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2017-17 as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. 2018 Meeting Dates-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the dates as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers- None

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Tim McQuinn commented that he has witnessed 18 deer over the past three weeks. Doug Pepple indicated he has requested information from the DNR. Doug Pepple congratulated the Spirit of Twin Lakes Marching Band for the 6th place finish at the recent State competition.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello