

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday January 16, 2018 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, and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2018 meeting as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported they are conducting "effluent toxicity testing". Samples are taken to an aquarium where a minnow and water flea are placed in the water to find out about their reproduction and survival. Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated the State Department of Natural Resources will be starting the Dodge Camp access site project after Labor Day. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur said they have been challenged keeping the equipment on the road due to breakdowns. He also indicated there are some streetlight issues on Railroad Street, at the roundabout, and at the "point". ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported there are a full slate of events planned for Disability Awareness Month. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that the department is going through Advanced Life Support Training which is done every two years. There was a Fire Chief's meeting in Wolcott on 1-10-2018. He is also working with a company that will help the department purchase smoke detectors. In 2017 the MFD spent \$5,000.00 on smoke detectors. Water Department Rod Pool said they have been dealing with more broken mains and frozen water meters. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported the company I-Record will be installing the new recording equipment for the interview rooms. In addition, all the radar equipment in the police cars has been re-certified.

Committee Reports- None

Old Business

1. **Public Hearing**-Jeffrey W Brown-Petition to Vacate an Unused Portion of an Alley-City Attorney George Loy outlined the background on the matter. The Council first heard this matter on December 18, 2017. George indicated that Mr. Brown is willing to work with the City by vacating 2 lots where an alley was platted to exist, but has never been used as such. This would allow the City to have a 10' utility easement for any future installation of underground storm, water or sewer utility lines. City Attorney George Loy opened the Public Hearing required by law at 6:20 pm. With no questions or comments arising from the public the hearing was closed at 6:22 pm. Councilmember Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-01, an ordinance vacating an unused portion of an alley as shown on Exhibit A which is an attachment to the Petition for Vacation signed by Mr. Brown dated 12-14-2018. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Resolution 2018-01-A Resolution Amending Resolution 2016-03-Resolution To Encumber Funds-Street Department-Broadway Street Traffic Signal Project-Mayor Ken Houston indicated the original resolution was connected to the Community Crossings Project/Traffic Signals. In 2016 the Street Department encumbered funds to pay for engineering and did not use all the funds. The 2018 Resolution will pull the unused portion in 2018 so it may be used for the project. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Advertising in the 2018 White County Information Guide-Cindy Beck-Warren-Cindy asked the Council if there would be an interest in advertising this year. In 2017 the Council agreed to do a ¼ page ad at a price of \$125.00. The price is the same in 2018. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve a ¼ page ad again for 2018. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matter-None

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello