

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on September 17, 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 Ralph Widmer, Tim McQuinn, Phil Vogel and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes- Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports- Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported there will be a skate board competition at Jordan Park on 9-22-18 at 1:00 pm. There will also be a rocket launch event on 9-29-18 at 9:00-10:00 am. The DNR has been working on the ramp improvements at Dodge Camp. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated the new water main on Gordon Road will be finished this week. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported there will be a brush pick up this week and another one planned in two weeks. The focus will be on leaf pick up. The Gordon Road project is moving along well and the contractor has indicated a desire to get as much as possible completed by the end of the year. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated the Fire Department along with other agencies conducted a training where an anhydrous ammonia leak across Monticello was simulated. He also reported that Jacob Norwell passed his paramedic test on the first attempt. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross said that she will be presenting information to the AP class at Twin Lakes regarding careers in Title 6 and ADA administration. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported there was a large sink hole on 1st Street and he is evaluating the best way to repair the sewer line. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that he and Assistant Chief Lingenfelter will be conducting a second round of interviews with officer candidates on Tuesday the 18th. There will also be a White County School Safety Commission meeting at Frontier High School on 9-20-2018 at 5:00 pm.

Committee Reports-None

New Business

1. White County Building & Planning-Amendments to County Zoning Ordinance A54 and A55 City Ordinances 2018-10 and 2018-11-Gayle Rogers addressed the Council on behalf of Joe Rogers who was attending an Executive Session of the Area Plan Commission. She said the change in the A54 amendment involves an I-3 zoning designation at the Mid America Commerce Park by Wolcott. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-10 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

2. County Zoning Ordinance A55-Gayle Rogers explained the ordinance change allows a property owner to assign a designee for the purpose of rezoning one or more of his/her properties. She indicated the amendment provides specific language required to establish that the property owner is actually initiating the rezone request versus simply not objecting to another party initiating a rezone of his/her properties. There was some discussion regarding the state law provision listed in the ordinance under 12.8.3 where the filing of a petition can be done by 50% of the property owners. It would allow a situation where ownership by two people and filing a petition by one of the two could occur. It was further discussed that the change as presented would make the process more transparent. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-11 as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Public Hearing-2019 Budget for the City-Mayor Ken Houston opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 pm. The Mayor indicated the general fund budget increased by 3.6%. The overall budget which includes CCI, CCD, Law Enforcement Continuing Ed, and CEDIT increased by only .6%. Mayor Houston indicated the Rainy Day Fund was added in 2019 in the amount of \$50,000.00. He also stated there will be a 16.1% increase in our health insurance expenses in 2019. And, there is a 3% increase in pay planned for 2019. Mayor Houston closed the public hearing at 6:36 pm.

4. Ordinance 2018-12-An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2019-Mayor Houston reported that the ordinance has been reworked for verbiage and position corrections. The general labor position has been added at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Ralph Widmer asked if a department head comes to the Board of Works asking permission to hire would the wage be given. Mayor Houston said yes. Phil Vogel asked about the part time fireman and police positions as shown on the ordinance. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated the part time positions could be “fill in” or regularly scheduled as needed by the Fire Department and could require a variety of skill levels. Police Chief Randy Soliday explained the part time police officer designation is an Academy certified position. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented and move it to a 2nd reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Ordinance 2018-13-An Ordinance Establishing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2019-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented and move it to a 2nd reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Houston asked the Council Members if the next Common Council meeting scheduled for October 1st could begin at 12:00 pm rather than 6:00 pm to accommodate traveling to the AIM Conference in French Lick. The Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer have meetings Tuesday morning. It would help them to arrive earlier than 11:00 pm to midnight. It was agreed to schedule the next meeting for noon on 10-1-2018. Kim Kramer commented about the amazing tour of Ball Corporation she took on Sunday the 16th. Phil Vogel inquired about US 24 and whether there has been any conversation about making it three lanes west to Country Lane. Mayor Houston suggested it has not come up during his 7 years as Mayor, but it has come up prior to the past seven years. There are projects related to US 24 being planned for the future. Phil asked if the possibility of widening US 24 West could be brought up with INDOT officials. Mayor Houston indicated it could be discussed with INDOT.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello