

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY OCTOBER 1, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on October 1, 2018 at 12:00 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, Phil Vogel, Doug Pepple and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes- Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kim Kramer-aye, Doug Pepple-Abstain, Phil Vogel-aye, and Ralph Widmer-aye. Motion carried. Note: Council person Tim McQuinn took his seat at 12:02 pm after roll call was taken and the vote on the minutes had been done.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that the department went through peer support training from 9-18 through 9-20 offered through District 4 out of Lafayette. This is support that is available for the firefighters after a bad accident has occurred. Chief Logan indicated the Open House and evening meal held on 9-27 went very well. He also advised that Fire Prevention Week will be from October 8-12. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported the current projects are moving along well because of the good weather. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the final seeding has been completed on the project at South Street, Terry Ho and Cherrydale. The alley behind Wells Fargo Bank will be closed for approximately a week in order to redo the approach from Broadway. The Contractor will be re-seeding the ground along West South Street for the 3rd time. The Community Crossings grant was submitted on time to INDOT. There will be 2 rounds of funding in 2019. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue the Twin Lakes Building Trades are working with the Kiwanis on a paver project which should be completed soon. On 9-29 the Parks Department sponsored a model rocket launch and 11 kids were present. The Parks Board will be rebidding the main structure at the Altherr Nature Center. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported that Wrede & Sons is doing a storm water line repair at the South end of Juanita Street. Commonwealth Engineering delivered the report for project #4 and there will be a meeting planned to review and discuss the next steps. Adam indicated he would like to pursue funding from the USDA. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that polygraph tests have been done with two officer candidates. Travis Clark will be attending School Resource Officer Training from 10-8 through 10-12. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross thanked everyone who participated in the Wellness Event held at the new fire station. Cathy said she will be making a presentation at the INDOT Conference to be held on Oct 11 and 12 regarding ADA and Title VI information.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

1. Ordinance 2018-12-An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2019-Second Reading- Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-12 on second reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2018-13-An Ordinance Establishing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2019-Second Reading. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-13 on second reading. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Street Department-Request to Transfer Funds-Ordinance 2018-14-1st Reading-Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported he has money available in Longevity due to the retirement of Terry Burns. He would like to move it to street repairs. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-14 and move it to a 2nd Reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Consideration of Property Acquisitions-City Attorney George Loy reported that several properties did not sell at a recent County property tax sale. The City could acquire from the County (at minimal expense) 2 properties-318 Cleveland and 221 Dewey. George indicated the actual purchasing of the 2 properties would be done by the Board of Works. The Council would have to approve the expenditure to pay for the minimal costs to acquire them. Ralph Widmer inquired whether the City would be liable for “back” taxes and any future taxes. George Loy stated “no”. Ralph Widmer asked about whether anyone was aware of environmental hazards with the 2 properties. Phil Vogel reported he walked around the two properties and provided an email report to the Council. He recommended the houses not be torn down. Doug Pepple made a motion to recommend the acquisition of the properties from White County which are located at 318 Cleveland and 221 Dewey to the Board of Works pending a minimal environmental review. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS-None

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters- None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello