MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Council Members Dave Kelly, Grace Oilar, Jim Mann, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy. Council Member Bill Smith was absent.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, November 17, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Eric Storm, to approve the minutes as presented. Three ayes, one abstained, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that there has been lots of car crashes today because of the weather. They are done with Mediclaims as their billing company and are strictly with Med Bill. The computers and firehouse program are fixed. Scott Bishop is back on full duty as of November 28, 2008.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that the Boy Scouts and Walmart helped to finish putting up the Christmas lights at the park. Voigt Park was vandalized on Saturday evening. He received a call from the State and they are requiring that they replace the rate system at the pool. This will need to be done before next spring. The Mayor has given him another grant opportunity through General Mills.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that it's business as usual at the treatment plant. They are all set for winter. This is the second month in a row that they are running below capacity at the plant. Joe and the Mayor will be going to Indianapolis on Monday to meet with IDEM to go over the long term control plan.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated things are pretty normal for his department. They have started on the new building. The weather will play a big part in the construction process at this time.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that there's not much going on at the police department, except chasing after the fire department due to all the accidents today. He has finalized the schedule for the officers at the first of the year. They will be going to a 12 hour shift. This will save the City overtime money in the long run. They have been working on winterizing the police cars, new snow tires, etc. Curt has been working on new ideas for downtown parking and will have them at the next meeting.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that they are about done with leaves. This Friday is the last day they will be picking up leaves. The Christmas lights are up. In the south block kids have taken the bulbs out of the lights. He fixed some of those today. We have had snow but are

not having any problems with it. The trucks are ready to go and were loaded yesterday. He has two trucks out right now. They are going to work on the salt building tomorrow. On Hwy 24, he doesn't care for how they have the entrance going into Abel Rentals. He talked to the State and told them he didn't like how this was designed. They poured the entrance this afternoon and this will allow Central Paving to get the paving done hopefully this week. The school has agreed to pay part of the bill. This will help Abel's drainage situation.

Ordinance 2008-20; Amending Prohibiting Parking of Motor Vehicles in Residential Area
City Attorney George Loy met with a committee to amend the parking ordinance. This is what Ordinance 2008-20 proposes to address. Council member Grace Oilar stated that this will help the police department to enforce this ordinance. Council member Oilar made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2008-20 on the first reading, seconded by Council member Eric Storm. Four ayes, motion carried. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to pass Ordinance 2008-20, seconded by Council member Eric Storm. Four ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2008-21; Amending Fines for Violations of Nuisance Ordinance
City Attorney George Loy stated that Ordinance 2008-21 further defines what a second or subsequent violation consist of under our nuisance ordinance. The first offense fine is $50.00, second offense $200.00, and third offense $500.00. After the third offense, this process will start again after a whole calendar year (1 year). Council member Eric Storm made the motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2008-21, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. Four ayes, motion carried. Council member Eric Storm made the motion to pass Ordinance 2008-21, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. Four ayes, motion carried.

Discussion of Utility Billing, Fees, and Policies
Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar and Water Superintendent Rod Pool addressed the Council about changing the utility billing to a 30 day cycle. They explained the current way bills are taken care of and the proposed cycle. The current cycle takes about 2 ½ months from start to finish. Their goal is to complete the cycle in 30 days. This will help landlords whose tenants move out and their water deposit will not cover their final bill. There was discussion of increasing reconnect fees, NSF charges, and winter turn off/on fees. It was decided this would be a good time to do a rate study for water and sewer. This would require a public meeting. Council member Jim Mann made the motion for the proposed schedule for changing the reading of the meters, and sending out bills, and changes to the utility bill itself, along with a rate study, in order to precede with the legal side, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. Four ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer