

MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
OCTOBER 02, 2006

The regular meeting of the City of Monticello, Indiana Common Council was held on October 02, 2006 in the Council Chambers of the City Building at 6:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Fox and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Rennatta Berkshire was answered by Mayor Robert Fox, City Attorney George Loy, Councilpersons William Smith, Grace Oilar, Jim Mann, Jay Clawson. Councilperson Bud Mummert, absent.

There being no additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2006, a motion was made by Councilperson Clawson seconded by Councilperson Mann to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Clawson and Mann, aye; Councilpersons Smith and Oilar, abstain.

**Citizen Participation**

Mr. Larry Droski asked why there are so many homes for sale on Main Street. Councilperson Mann explained that it is not only in Monticello where many homes are for sale but the trend in home sales across the country is depressed during this time. Mr. Droski also voiced his concern at the growing violence taking place in schools and asked about the safety of those in Monticello. Councilperson Clawson and Chief Reynolds assured Mr. Droski that measures in place include all doors locked except the main doors which are close to the main offices, a Monticello City Police officer patrols all the schools daily and security cameras are in place.

Street Superintendent Roberts said there will be one more tree limb pick up before leaf collection begins. The newspaper will remind citizens to not rake their leaves into the gutter but place them on the curb for pickup. Leaf collection should begin about October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Boiler Replacement, Fire Department**

Chief Logan said that he had solicited quotes for the replacement of the boiler which is leaking and will not pass safety inspection. A motion was made by Councilperson Clawson seconded by Councilperson Smith to hire Warner Plumbing to remove and replace the existing boiler in the basement of the fire station. Roll call vote: all aye.

**Permission to Hire Appraisers for Park Expansion**

Superintendent Billue said that the Park Board has located property to develop for the Family Oriented Nature Park as designated in the monetary gift from the late William L. Altherr. The entire area (approximately 96 acres) consists of three (3) properties. A motion was made by Councilperson Oilar seconded by Councilperson Mann to allow Superintendent Billue to hire two (2) appraisers. Roll call vote: all aye. Attorney Loy said that a resolution appointing the appraisers would be brought to the next Council meeting.

### **Retain Consultants for Potential Water Line Extension**

Attorney Loy said that from time to time requests are made for the City to provide extension of water lines beyond the City limits. Typically an agreement is entered into for water and sewer service. Rate consultants need to calculate the proper charge for any customer outside the City limits and factor in the cost of construction, easements and acquisitions in to keep the rate for residents at a proper level. He would like the counsel to approve the hiring of rate consultants and bond counsel in order to negotiate with potential water line users. Attorney Loy recommends Ice Miller for bond counsel and Umbaugh has experience with bonding for a project similar to the one in question. A motion was made by Councilperson Clawson to permit Attorney Loy to retain consultants regarding the potential water line project. Attorney Loy will get an agreement from the consultants to be presented to the Board of Works. Roll call vote: all aye.

### **Request for Street Closures, Kim Burns**

Kim Burns, Mayor's Assistant, said that she has already obtained permission from INDOT to close Main Street from South Street to Broadway. This is for the homecoming/parade for the Indiana Guard 738<sup>th</sup> unit which has been serving in Iraq. The parade is planned for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm. The unit will be marching from the Armory up Bluff Street to South Street to Main Street then to Broadway. There will be two aerial trucks on Broadway with the Garrison flag for the unit to march under. From there they will be transported to the High School for a ceremony in their honor. Numerous city and state dignitaries have been invited and are expected to be in attendance. A motion was made by Councilperson Smith seconded by Councilperson Clawson to permit the closing of Bluff Street to South Street and South Street to Main Street in order for the Indiana Guard 738<sup>th</sup> unit to parade to Broadway Street October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm. Roll call vote: all aye.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Rennatta Berkshire, IAMC, CMC, MM3  
Clerk Treasurer