

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, May 5, 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, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, William Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, April 21, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that 40 people from Comcast, along with 6 people from Walmart, and Mayor Jason Thompson, worked at Bluewater on Saturday, May 3, 2008. They worked for six hours and moved 270 yards of mulch to the playground area. The next project will be to get the piers back together and in place.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated not much is happening at this time. They fixed a leak this morning that will need blacktop and dirt repair.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that it is just business as usual for the sewer department.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that the back wall is out. Finish work is being done and then that project is complete. Funding for aerial truck is going well. He has a \$500.00 donation commitment that he received this week. His new applicants had their physical agility and written test on Sunday. Nine out of ten applicants showed up and that went well.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that this last weekend they had the community service workers cleaning up around city hall using the power washer. They are continuing the cleanup of abandoned vehicles. The new cars should be on the road this week. They will be at the range the rest of this week. The first of April, Curt met with the auditor to find out if the city would be eligible for any City Court Costs. We are and the amount of the check is \$21,340.00 that will go back into the general fund.

Council Person Jim Mann stated he is appreciative that the department heads are trying to change sources to help on department costs.

Council Person Eric Storm stated he would like to see the money from the City Court Cost go back to each department if at all possible.

Mayor Thompson expressed his appreciation for the fresh coats of paint on the Mayor's and Police department's back doors.

Consideration of Adkev Tax Abatement Compliance with Statement of Benefits

Bonnie Cothran, Adkev representative, stated that she had faxed the tax abatement compliance with statement of benefits to Clerk Treasurer, Liz Oilar, for the Council's approval. They are exceeding their expectations in the 1 ½ years of starting full production. Their anticipation was only going to be \$2,800,000.00 for fixed assets or capital expenditures, and they are already at the \$6,000,000.00 range. They expected approximately 35-40 employees and they now have 72 committed. They paid \$1,000,000.00 plus to the employees at the Monticello plant. They are now quoting some fairly large projects. If they are awarded to them, the Monticello plant will be doing the work for these projects. They feel there is quite a lot of room for growth. Bonnie stated that if awarded these new projects, equipment cost would be around \$1.2 million dollars. City Attorney George Loy stated that the numbers estimated are set forth on the statement of benefits they submitted in 2005. He instructed the Council that tonight they would be considering the findings that, after the review of the CF1 form, Adkev either is in substantial compliance or is not in substantial compliance. Council Person Jim Mann made the motion to go ahead and complete the CF1 form indicating the property owner is in substantial compliance, seconded by Council Person Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Thompson spoke with Fire Chief Swaim and Thursday they will be going down to Ghost Hollow and clean out the ravine.

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

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer