

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY AUGUST 6, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on August 6, 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, Kim Kramer, Phil Vogel and Doug Pepple. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Bill Roy asked the Council for permission to have their annual block party on September 8, 2018 from 10:00 to 6:00. The 600 block of West Harrison would be closed off for the event. Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the block party. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, except Tim McQuinn who abstained, motion carried. Kathryn Springer asked the Council for permission to have a “We Love Our Downtown” event on October 9th. This would be to highlight the new walk through by Wells Fargo Bank. There will be 3 food trucks in the rear parking lot and a scarecrow decorating contest (also in the rear parking lot) from 4-7 pm. City Attorney George Loy indicated the decision to use to lot with food trucks would need to come from the Monticello Redevelopment Commission. Tim McQuinn made a motion to give SOMA permission for the October 9, 2018 event at the new walk through. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Kathryn Springer also outlined another SOMA initiative “Home for the Holidays” slated for December 8th (4-7 pm) and 9th (2-5 pm) where holiday open houses will be planned on Bluff Street. SOMA is working on having carriage rides from the Oddfellows building on the corner of Main and Washington Streets to the Bluff Street tour of homes. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request to hold the event on 12-8 and 12-9 and allow the carriage rides with the understanding that the horse waste be cleaned up. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads Reports-Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported the last planetary viewing program will be on the 16th at Voigt Park. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated St Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette will be starting a paramedic program in 2019. On October 6, 2018 the MFD will be having a 5K “Fun Run”. A ribbon cutting date of Saturday September 14th has been set for the new station. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported the water main expansion along Gordon Road has been tested and they are just about finished. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey indicated Bruce and Kevin from the department will be attending a “boot camp” for treatment plant operators. Adam said the recent DMRQ study on the new treatment plant lab passed on the first “go around”. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that all of the various sidewalk projects are the City are progressing well. He said they are closing our 2016 Community Crossings programs so the City can apply for new projects. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross promoted the Golf Outing on 8-11-2018. She also announced the next “wellness event” planned for September 26 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am and from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will involve flu shots, preventative screenings, and other activities. At 7:00 pm a family game night will be held. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that one of the squad cars had some serious engine damage and Dodge agreed to pay for the repairs even though the vehicle was out of warranty. He also indicated the 10 applicants to replace Kyle Peterson have been reduced to 5 and the department will be conducting more background testing.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

1. Transfer Ordinance 2018-07-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated an error was made in selecting the line items for handling a payroll detail in Fire and Police Departments. This Ordinance will correct the error. Tim McQuinn made a motion to pass the ordinance onto second reading. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. White County Economic Development -Investment Request-Mayor Ken Houston reported that he has discussed the request with Randy Mitchell of WCED and it is an extension of the previous agreement of \$10,000.00 annually beginning in 2019 extending through 2021. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request of \$10,000.00 per year for 2019, 2020, and 2021. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. 1st Reading-Salary Ordinance Amendment-City Attorney George Loy outlined this ordinance amends Salary Ordinance 2017-12 by adding general labor positions for the street and park departments. The rate of pay set in the new ordinance is \$16.00/hour. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2018-08 on first reading. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: McQuinn-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Vogel-nay, and Widmer-nay. Because passage of an ordinance on first reading requires a unanimous vote, the motion failed. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue commented he feels the \$16.00 per hour is a good rate, but it is a little low. He said his employees currently make \$1.00 per hour less. Tim McQuinn made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-08 onto second reading. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Ralph Widmer asked what the starting pay currently is for general labor. Mayor Houston indicated there is no position currently that is named general laborer and this new position would set in motion one of details that has been

discussed with the new salary matrix. This would be an entry level labor position and would reduce the \$19.00/hour street department position. It would increase the \$15.00/hour parks department position. Ralph Widmer stated that he felt the \$16.00 per hour is too high. Mayor Houston indicated the latest Area 4 wage information just came out and our pay scale seems to be in line with what they have in their report. Tim McQuinn said that discussion in the committee meeting was centered around trying to retain employees and the committee was trying to pass the amendment tonight so the person for the Street Department could be hired in two weeks. Phil Vogel stated we do not have to hire the person in two weeks. Ralph Widmer indicated he feels the question is not whether we hire a new employee, it is at what wage per hour he or she is paid. Roll call vote: McQuinn-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Vogel-nay and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.

4. Ordinance Violations Bureau-Consideration of Penalty Changes-Mayor Houston pointed out the changes are listed on the documentation provided. City Attorney George Loy indicated moving forward with the penalty changes would require an ordinance update. Doug Pepple confirmed that these changes came from the Ordinance Committee. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the penalty changes as presented and direct City Attorney George Loy to draft an ordinance encompassing the changes. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS-None

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello