

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on November 5, 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, Phil Vogel, Doug Pepple and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes- Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston requested that Resolution 2018-11 involving modifications to the White County Innkeeper's tax code be added as item 2 under New Business. In addition, item 3 under New Business will be added as discussion of a sign for Ivy Tech.

Citizen Participation-Tom Hildebrand and Terry Vogt informed the Council about the upcoming Veteran's Day program on November 11th at Amvets from noon to 3:00 pm. For safety reasons Tom requested Northwestern Avenue be closed because of all the activities planned during the event. Doug Pepple made a motion to permit Northwestern Avenue be closed during the 3 hour event on 11-11-18. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads Reports-Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported the department is picking up leaves. Documentation for closing out 2017 Community Crossings has been sent to INDOT. Frank stated that he hopes to hear soon about the status of our 2018 application. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated the MFD received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation. The money will be used to move the Bell Tower from the Historical Society property to the new station. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported the department had the first broken water main of the season occur at intersection of Fisher and Bluewater. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated that pier construction is progressing at the Dodge Camp access site. The contractor is installing gabions. The Rotary Club will be helping the department install the pier decking. The Christmas Lighting at the park will be set up by Thanksgiving. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported that the department has been making sure the catch basins are clear of leaves. On November 19 the Board of Works will be receiving bids for cash rent of the property owned by the City. The property is used for land application of wastewater solids. Adam indicated he is planning on moving forward with project # 4 of the City's Long Term Control Plan with IDEM. He hopes to obtain funding with USDA with some of it being grant monies. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported the officers recently completed emergency vehicle driving tests. They are also completing all of their in service hours prior to the end of the year. Lori Cheever gave a report for Cathy Gross (ADA). The Mayor's Advisory Council with ADA won CDC's Community Spirit Award.

Committee Reports-Tim McQuinn reported the RFP's (proposals) for the old Fire Station are due by 11-15-2018.

Old Business

1. Street Department-First Reading of Ordinance 2018-15-Establishing a Downtown Christmas Decoration Gift Fund- Kim Kramer made a motion to move the ordinance to a 2nd reading on November 19. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Consideration of City Council providing funds for Downtown Lighting-Kim Kramer stated that new light poles at Broadway and Main and Broadway and Illinois were installed as a part of a Community Crossings project. However, the poles did not have electrical outlets because the project specifications did not include them. She said the estimate for each intersection is \$5,000.00 to add the outlets. Kim asked the Council if there would be a willingness to help pay for the outlets. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated money would be available in line item 101001361. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve \$5,00.00 for the poles located at Main & Broadway and encumber it for 2019. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Resolution 2018-11-Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Monticello, White County, Indiana, Requesting Modification of IC 6-9-10.5 of the White County Innkeeper's Tax Code-Joe Rogers representing the Innkeepers Tax Board presented background on the resolution before the Council. Joe explained the estimated future expenses for silt traps and maintenance of the lakes will be increasing. However, the income generated from the tax is not expected to increase at the same pace as the maintenance expenses. Joe said the ordinance would propose to increase the tax base not the tax rate. The Indiana Code would need to be changed in order for this resolution to have the intended impact. Joe asked Senator Buchanan to take this on and move it through the legislative process. Senator Buchanan requested the resolution be adopted by local units of government to demonstrate the importance of taking action on changing the law. Joe indicated the potential increase in revenue is estimated at 30% over what it is today. The revenue increase would go to the Tourism Board as well as the Lake Enhancement Authority. There was discussion regarding the challenges involved with the enforcement of the collection process with the Innkeeper's Tax. It was also brought out that the County Council has budgeted funds for auditing the collection process. Doug Pepple made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-11 as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Consideration of Ivy Tech Sign-Joe Rogers informed the Council that Ivy Tech would like to put a direction sign at the corner of Main and Condo Streets. Joe indicated if the City would give permission for the sign to be in the right of way the procedure would be easier for Ivy Tech. Otherwise, they would have to obtain a variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve White County Building & Planning consult with the City and Ivy Tech to determine a suitable location for the placement of a directional sign in the City's right of way at the corner of Main and Condo Streets. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Houston introduced the Community Development Block Grant program through OCRA. He stated this would be a great means of dealing with blighted properties in the City and action is required right away. Mayor Houston also outlined correspondence he received from NIPSCO regarding a new initiative they have announced called "Your Energy, Your Future". It includes a long-term plan for transitioning to the best-cost, cleanest energy supply mix for NIPSCO customers. City Attorney George Loy indicated the White County Commissioners assigned the 2 tax sale properties to the City which were recently requested.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello