

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday September 8, 2015, 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 Cathy Gross, Phil Vogel, Doug Pepple, Kim Kramer and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Motion was made by Phil Vogel to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Item number 4 will be added-SOMA wants to have a downtown Dog Walk on October 3rd. Item number 5 also added-Amendment to the Utilities Ordinance 2015-10.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports- Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue said that Ball Corporation assisted the Department by having 17 employees assist on various projects. Also, two benches were donated by the McCloskey and Benjamin families. The pool had its 3rd best year ever. Police Chief Randy Soliday said one of the canines Diesel won 1st place in the narcotics division at the “canine olympics”. Fire Chief Galen Logan discussed that the department has a Facebook page and it is getting a lot of hits. A training schedule has been made up for the first 6 months of 2016. The “Boot Drive” was successful with \$5,115.11 raised for Muscular Dystrophy. Water Superintendent Rod Pool said that 2 antenna tower bases have been poured. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer indicated that the recent 1.7 inches of rain did not cause any bypasses at Jefferson Street and Market Street. Last year before the Bryan’s Lift Station project was started there would have been bypasses.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-HJ Umbaugh & Associates-Jeff Messer-Cash Advisory Services

Jeff advised the Council that Umbaugh invests over \$500,000.00 for many city and towns throughout Indiana. Umbaugh would review our core balances and advise us what we could safely invest. Umbaugh would request bids from financial institutions on the funds the City would like to invest. The City would need to adopt an investment policy, a resolution and an ordinance in order to move forward.

New Business:

1. Cindy Beck-Warren requested permission to have the Halloween and Christmas Parades.

The Halloween Parade would be on October 31st 2015 from 2-5 pm. It would be a walking parade at Constitution Plaza around the Courthouse. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the request with Cathy Gross seconding. All ayes, motion carried.

The Christmas Parade will be held from 6-8 pm on December 5, 2015 with the traditional route being used. Cathy Gross made a motion to approve the request with Kim Kramer seconding. All ayes, motion carried.

Trick or Treat-Doug Pepple made a motion to have Trick or Treat Night on October 31st from 6-8 pm. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Twin Lakes High School Homecoming Parade-on behalf of the Student Council Janet Dold requested the Parade be held on September 18, 2015 beginning at 4:00 pm Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the request. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Monica Casanova-Proclamation for Library Card sign-up. Mayor Houston read a proclamation to the audience.

4. SOMA-Streets of Monticello Association

Kathryn Springer indicated they served 472 people during the Ice Cream Social event at Constitution Plaza. Brandi Page requested the Council approve a Barktober Downtown Dog Walk on October 3rd at 2:00 pm with registration beginning at 1:00 pm. This would be a fundraising event with a \$5.00 fee to participate. All proceeds would go to SOMA projects. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Amendment to Utility Ordinance 2014-03

City Attorney George Loy indicated that with the new Wastewater Project approaching the State Revolving Fund requires (due to Federal Law) that the Financial Assistance Agreement be split into 2 agreements. One is for the Engineering and the other is for Construction. Ordinance 2015-10 would amend Ordinance 2014-03 and allow this.

Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2015-10 on first reading. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Cathy Gross made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-10. Doug Pepple seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-Mayor Houston requested the Council consider donating \$1,500.00 to SOMA. SOMA has successfully received the Indiana Main Street Community designation which allows the group to apply for loan and grants. In order to help them move forward with projects a donation would be very helpful. The Mayor's office would donate \$500 if the Council would donate \$1,500.00. Mayor Houston asked the Council to consider the request.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello