

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday October 19, 2015, at 6:10 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, Doug Pepple, and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Cathy Gross made a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2015 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston requested that "Discussion of East Ohio Street" be added as item #3 under Old Business.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports- Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue said that Norway Garden Shop has been assisting the Parks Department with the Butterfly Garden. The Dedication at the City Park was on October 16-17. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that Zach Wolf will be starting full time on October 21. He also said he will be meeting with Axis and Garmong regarding the furnishings and fixtures section of the contract to more fully understand what is involved. Rod Pool of the Water Department indicated that two of the meter reading towers were moved and they are preparing for the next level of software with Neptune on advancing the meter reading technology. This should be available early in 2016. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur said they will begin picking up leaves. Salt and sand has been hauled in to get ready for winter. Phase 3 of Lightstream's fiber optic project is almost complete and Phase 4 will likely begin during the spring of 2016. There will be a construction meeting on November 4th for the Sign Replacement Project with INDOT. Joe Mowrer with the Wastewater Treatment Plant indicated they had good review with IDEM regarding the Long Term Control Plan. Three minor recommendations on the CSO's were made. Police Chief Randy Soliday said that Officer Curt Blount is at school resource officer training in Dearborn, Michigan.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

1. 2016 Budget Adoption-Cathy Gross made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-14 to approve the tax rates and appropriations for 2016. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Consideration of White County-City Of Monticello Interlocal Cooperation Agreement regarding the Fire Station Project. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2015-15 to be passed on first reading. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Kim Kramer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-15 on first reading. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Doug Pepple then made a motion to approve the City Of Monticello Common Council Authorizing Repayment of White County Host Fund Agreement Reserve Fund and Approving Interlocal Agreement with White County. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

3. East Ohio Street Discussion-Mayor Houston indicated he had an opportunity to discuss the matter of budgeting money for the project with Council President Doug Pepple. It was not the intent of the Council to budget money in 2016. It could be appropriated by the Council next year. Mayor Houston asked Jason Miller of Miller and Associates to outline the status of the design of the project at the present time. He discussed the differences between his design and the recommended design provided by the East Ohio Street Committee. Committee member Mike Rupel voiced his concerns about the committee and that he was not consulted or included. Councilperson and Committee Chair Ralph Widmer outlined the actions of the committee and the steps he took as Chair to reach out to the members. Mayor Houston indicated that since there was no agreement presently on the design details the meeting should move and conduct the other agenda business at hand.

New Business:

1. SOMA-Request to set 2016 event dates. Brandi Page explained the two dates as an Ice Cream Social on August 30th and the Barktober Dog Walk on October 1st. Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the events as presented. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Addition Appropriation for Market Street Project-Cathy Gross made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-16. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Joe Rogers of White County Area Plan outlined three Ordinance Amendments for the Council. Amendment 44 deals with Home Occupations, Amendment 45 deals with Wireless Facilities and Amendment 46 deals with Variance Decision Criteria. Cathy Gross made a motion to approve the three amendments as presented. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. 2016 Meeting Dates-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the 2016 meeting dates as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Ordinance 2015-12 Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Monticello for 2016. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass the ordinance on first reading. Ralph Widmer seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Ralph Widmer made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-12. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Ordinance 2015-13 Ordinance Establishing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Monticello for 2016. Cathy Gross made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass the ordinance on first reading. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-13. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable-Ralph Widmer made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable as presented. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Cathy Gross announced that there will be a dedication ceremony at Altherr Nature Park on Friday November 6, 2015 at 1:30 pm for Liz Oilar Memorial and Liz's Lift Project. Doug Pepple indicated that Ralph Widmer will be representing the City on White County Area Plan Commission's Comprehensive Plan Project.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello