

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, April 6, 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, Kim Kramer, Doug Pepple, Phil Vogel, and Ralph Widmer, and City Attorney George Loy.

A motion was made by Councilor Doug Pepple, seconded by Councilor Phil Vogel, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried with Ralph Widmer abstaining.

Citizen Participation-John Nocher representing the Air-Cooled Hooligans (Volkswagon Club) thanked the Council for its support of the car show to be held on June 19th in downtown Monticello. 100-150 cars and vans could be here that evening. John is trying to obtain a better count of participants. There is a contingency plan to move the event to the High School should the event be too large for our downtown area to handle.

Department Head Reports

Department Head reports were given by Police Chief Randy Soliday, Assistant Chief Bob Hickman, Water Superintendent Rod Pool, Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer, Street Superintendent Frank Arthur, and Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue.

Old Business

1) Randy Mitchell of White County Economic Development and Joshua Hole representing Trilogy Health Services LLC addressed the Council on a Tax Abatement request for White Oak. Trilogy is expecting to spend \$4M in real property and \$1.2M in equipment. The plan is for a 23,750 square foot addition which would be for memory care. There would be 35 new beds with 25 new jobs added through 2017. The request is for a 10 year abatement at an estimated \$3M net assessed value. The Monticello Redevelopment Commission voted in February to approve the abatement for real property, but not for the equipment. The tax benefit to Trilogy would be a savings of \$259,870.00. The City would receive \$340,000 of tax revenue. City Attorney George Loy indicated the first step would be to adopt a Declaratory Resolution to move the process forward. There would need to be a public hearing on the abatement request. The Council could modify the request before adopting a Confirmatory Resolution. Cathy Gross made a motion to approve the Declaratory Resolution for a 10 year tax abatement with Trilogy Health Services LLC. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Motion passed with Phil Vogel voting nay. Public Hearing will be set for April 20, 2015 at the Council's next meeting.

New Business

1) Cindy Beck-Warren with the News and Review requested the Council place an advertisement with the paper for National Police Week. Publication date will be May 6th. Cathy Gross made a motion to approve a 3 column inch by 10 inch ad for \$90.00. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

2) Duane Dickensheets-Farmer's Market

Duane would like to coordinate a market from May through October perhaps 2 times a month. He has also been offered Elaine's Pack & Ship along 6th Street as a site. Matters discussed were location, restrooms, signage, fees (\$5.00 per vendor) and the time frames. Positive discussion of the Market occurred with encouragement to proceed.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-Cathy Gross thanked all who assisted with ADA Awareness Month. Mayor Houston indicated that a tour of the Magnetation Plant is being planned for May 4th. More details to follow. There will be a ribbon cutting for Mid America Commerce Park on June 16th. The White County Commissioners will be having a public hearing April 20 at 8:45 am regarding the vacating of Luse Road.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Jim Mann
City Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello