

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, April 20, 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, Phil Vogel, and Ralph Widmer, and City Attorney George Loy.

A motion was made by Councilor Phil Vogel, seconded by Councilor Ralph Widmer, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**Citizen Participation**-Monica Casanova from the Public Library announced the Hoosier Artland Conference will be held at Brandywine on May 13, 2015.

**Department Head Reports**

Department Head reports were given by Police Chief Randy Soliday, Fire Chief Galen Logan, Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer, Street Superintendent Frank Arthur, and Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue.

**Committee Reports**-IT Committee. Mayor Houston addressed additional matters that have arisen regarding equipment, antivirus, and wireless capabilities. The Police Department has an outdated and unsupported version of Microsoft 2003 Server. There are also many computers that will require updated antivirus. And, the wireless connectivity is not consistent and needs to be improved throughout City Hall. The Police Department, Mayor, Clerk Treasurer, and Council will provide funds to complete the projects. Cathy Gross made a motion to approve the requests based upon the Council spending no more than \$5,000.00 in support. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business**

1) Public Hearing on Tax Abatement for Trilogy Health Services LLC-City Attorney George Loy outlined the history of this tax abatement request. Representatives from White Oak spoke about the needs for the additional beds required for dementia patients. Once built, additional beds will then be available for assisted living where now there is a waiting list. Neil Smith spoke in favor of the abatement request. Bill Misenheimer also spoke in favor of the request. Cathy Gross made a motion to pass the Confirmatory Resolution regarding tax abatement for Trilogy. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business**

1) Colleen Bowers-Bucket Shake and Cardboard City for Homeless Awareness  
Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the Bucket Shake on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm and Cardboard City on May 8-9 from 8:00 pm through 6:00 am. This will be on the intersections of Washington and Main plus Illinois and Washington Streets. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

2) Letter of Engagement with SFLECC-John Koppelman requested the Council agree to a letter of support which will be filed to FERC during the current reporting period. The Council is not responsible for any legal expenses as a result. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve signing the letter of engagement. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

3) Joe Rogers-White County Area Plan

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #41 Wireless Communication Facilities

**The primary changes which would result from this amendment are:**

- 1) This amendment would separate the permit approval requirements for a “new” tower vs an “existing” tower and would result in a simplification of the application and approval processes for tower upgrades consisting primarily of antenna and associated infrastructure upgrades;**
- 2) Adjustment to setback language and setbacks themselves;**
- 3) Increase in tower height to eliminate legal-nonconforming status of current towers and to bring ordinance more in line with market requirements;**
- 4) Elimination of some duplication and conflicts in standards; and,**
- 5) General language clean up.**

Cathy Gross made a motion to approve Amendment 41. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance # 42 Barn Quilts

**The effective result of this change would be to include “Barn Quilts” in the “Exempt Signs” section of the zoning ordinance and to provide a definition and standards for such signs.**

Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the Amendment 42. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance # 43 Improvement Location Permit change

**The purpose of this amendment is to bring the zoning ordinance standards in line with the building ordinance and state building codes in order to reduce conflicting standards between ordinances.**

Phil Vogel made a motion to approve Amendment # 43. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**Accounts Payable**-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve, Seconded by Ralph Widmer. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and all other matters**-None

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Mann  
City Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello