

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MAY 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, May 4, 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, Doug Pepple, Phil Vogel, Kim Kramer, Ralph Widmer and City Attorney George Loy.

Motion was made by Cathy Gross to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting. Ralph Widmer seconded and the motion carried with Doug Pepple abstaining as a result of not being present for the 4-20-2015 Council meeting.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann suggested that the Adkev Statement of Benefits should be added to the agenda. It was added as new business item number 2.

Citizen Participation-Mike Kessler with Xtreme Contractors introduced Sharon who will be moving the home next to the Methodist Church to a location off of Tioga Road.

Department Heads Reports

Department Head reports were given by Street Superintendent Frank Arthur, Fire Chief Galen Logan, Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer, Water Superintendent Rod Pool and Police Chief Randy Soliday. Mitch Billue from the Parks Department mentioned that 11 volunteers assisted in planting 150 trees. Rod Pool indicated that the filters project has been completed and there will not need to be a new backwash holding tank. Joe Mowrer indicated they land applied 600,000 gallons of sludge and a recent IDEM inspector found no violations with the plant and paperwork. Frank Arthur said the Washington Street lights are now repaired. Sidewalk project in front of Kinser's Bakery is underway. Galen Logan said there were fires on Beach Drive and Fairwood Street. There was also training completed at the Chalmers Wind Farms by members of the rescue team. \$4,000.00 of equipment was donated by the Wind Farm Companies to the Fire Department. Randy Soliday said that there will be training exercises on the 11th, 13th and the 18th for the Police Department.

Committee Reports-Mayor Houston let the Council know that the Fire Department committee met on May 1st to discuss the design and other changes made to the station. It was a good meeting and the changes discussed will be emailed to the committee members.

Old Business-None

New Business

1) Jason and Jimmy with Sign Craft Industries approached the Council on a sign modification with the Wells Fargo sign. A new sign is being requested as a result of damage to the existing one. The Council is being asked to grant a consent to encroach in order to allow the new sign. Joe Rogers of Area Plan indicated this is acceptable as a grandfathering condition. Doug Pepple made a motion to allow the encroachment and sign change. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

2) Adkev Statement of Benefits-Jeremy Kyser presented the paperwork regarding the annual requirement of the Common Council to review and approve the CF-1. Adkev now has 127 full time employees up by 21 in one year. Their customer base is 85% automotive and yet the sales force is pursuing other markets. Jeremy Kyser indicated the company has bought many new injection molding machines over the years and will be pursuing 6 more in 2015. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits CF-1. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-Cathy Gross indicated on May 17th there will be a Law Enforcement event to honor their service sponsored by the Partners For a Drug Free White County. Meal will be provided by the Rotary Club. Event will start at 3:00 pm at Constitution Plaza by the courthouse. Also, ADA is celebrating its 25 year anniversary with a Legacy Bus Tour throughout the United States. Monticello will be a stopping point for the bus on June 20th. Planning is underway to make it a big event.

Phil Vogel inquired about the progress on the East Ohio Street project. Ralph Widmer indicated he has summarized comments and action by the committee on the project. There was discussion on what the next steps should be at this point. Also, the updated Personnel Policy Manual is just about completed with its revisions and will be sent out via email to the Council members for a final review.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello