

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday January 19, 2016, 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 Phil Vogel, Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, Kim Kramer and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2015 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston requested that under Old Business #3 White County Economic Development be moved in front of Department Heads Reports.

Citizen Participation-James Haworth indicated that the building next to his located at 125 N Main Street has a roof that is caved in and wanted to bring it to the attention of the Council. Councilor Doug Pepple commented that the Ordinance Committee had identified 12 properties as “distressed” and the property at 125 N Main was one of them. City Attorney George Loy indicated that the owner was contacted some time ago about the building condition. Mr. Haworth asked about whether mold might be present in the building. Mayor Houston suggested an updated inspection of the building could be considered using resources of the County.

White County Economic Development-Randy Mitchell outlined the financial picture behind the organization including where the funds come from and how they are spent. In 2015 there was investment totaling \$109,000,000.00 in White County coming from all sectors of the area. Randy requested the Council provide a three year commitment of \$30,000.00 (\$10,000.00/year) to White County Economic Development. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the 3 year request at \$10,000.00 per year. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads Reports- Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated that Officer Chris Blake is attending Crime Scene Investigation School from Jan 19-21. Also, he and Tim McFadden will be attending the Chief’s Conference in Indianapolis. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer said the new plant construction is ahead of schedule and he has completed the year end reports due to IDEM. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated that NIPSCO will be starting (in April) a project to replace poles and wires from Hanawalt Road to the Oakdale Dam. The sign replacement project will be starting soon. Most, but not all signs and posts will be replaced due to new Federal Government regulations having to do with reflectivity. Fiber optic supplier Lightstream will be starting Phase 4 soon. This includes the south part of Monticello including properties along Gordon Road.

Lightstream has been coordinating their planning with the engineers working on the Gordon Road widening project set for 2017. Mitch Billue of the Parks Department said they are improving the rest rooms at City Park to make them meet ADA regulations for accessibility. Light sensors will be installed to help conserve energy and all the equipment has been serviced in advance of the spring season. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated they are having Channel 18 assist them with the Polar Plunge event scheduled for 2-20-16. The Department has gone through advanced cardiac life support training. And, some members of the department will be going through ice rescue training to be held at the American Legion site. Water Superintendent Rod Pool mentioned he will be conducting tours of the water plant with two high school classes.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-

1. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2016-01 Transferring \$215.00 from Fire Training to Police Training. Doug Pepple made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-01. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Council Appointment to the Monticello Redevelopment Commission-Doug Pepple made a motion to appoint Dan Oldenkamp to the MRC. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Cindy Warren-Advertising for 2016 Information Directory-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve an advertisement like was done in 2015 for \$115.00. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Pat Gross-Spirit of Monticello Festival June 24-25, 2016-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the festival dates and details as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried. The City will look into the cost of making signs that could be posted on the barricades. During the 2015 festival a toddler was knocked over by a skateboarder. The Festival Committee would like to find a way to deter this type of issue. The City and Committee will coordinate to work this situation out.

Accounts Payable Vouchers-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the vouchers. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters- Ralph Widmer thanked Pat and Roger Gross for their involvement in the Spirit Festival. Phil Vogel requested the ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross be involved in the planning work for the Gordon Road project so that coordination on the bike/pedestrian path be completed properly.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello