

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
Monday May 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday May 2, 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, Kim Kramer, Phil Vogel, Tim McQuinn and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Mayor Houston acknowledged ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross for the article in the current issue of IACT's publication called Action Lines. He also issued a Proclamation regarding Municipal Clerks Week spanning from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting as presented. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes except Doug Pepple who abstained, motion passed.

**Additions & Deletions**-Mayor Houston requested "Norway Hill" be added to the agenda as item 7. A correction was requested by the Mayor on item 3 making Section 98.86 read 96.85.

**Department Heads Reports**-Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated there have been 110 "locates" requested on 4-29 and 5-2. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer said the new plant is pretty muddy at this point as a result of the rain and construction. Also, there was a recent OSHA inspection and no violations were found. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated Spring Clean Up was successful. The Main Street sidewalk project has begun. Wells Fargo agreed to pay for a ramp where the sidewalk is located. Fire Chief Galen Logan mentioned that Zach Wolf passed all his training. Jason Weilin is beginning his training as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Logan, Assistant Chief Strange and Captain Fisher made a trip to South Bend to review new billing software which also has a fire reporting module. Chief Logan indicated the department is restoring a 1930 Boyer Fire Truck that was made in Logansport. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that there were 85 participants in the active shooter training held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Those receiving the training were from area schools. Securus Technologies will be here on May 11 and 12 to review the systems used by the Monticello Police Department and the Sheriff's Department in order to price out new software. Mayor Houston read over a report provided by Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue. Seventeen trees will be moved out in order to create more space for parking at the Dodge Camp access site. There was vandalism at Jordan Park in the bathroom. The Parks Department along with the Monticello Public Library is sponsoring a Garden Tour Program. Various dates have been planned throughout the summer.

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Committee Reports**-Doug Pepple indicated that a subcommittee of the ordinance committee recently met to review a software package which would enhance communications among the departments. He suggested that there may be a benefit to the County considering the software for the same reasons.

**Old Business**-None

**New Business**:

1. Adkev-Bonnie Cothran-Statement Of Benefits

Bonnie indicated Adkev has purchased \$883,000.00 of new equipment over the past year and has far exceeded the amount of investment planned when the abatement was requested 9 years ago. Also, the number of full time employees is now 133 with a payroll of \$4,645,450.00 annually. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the statement of benefits. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

2. John Koppelman of the SFLECC announced a public meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> to be held by FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It will be from 6:00-9:00 pm at The Sportsman Inn. This will be a time for the public to make comments about the lake levels with lakes Freeman and Shafer. John encouraged the Council to attend.

3. Ordinance 2016-09-Amending Section 96.85 of the Monticello Code. City Attorney George Loy spoke to the need for further amending the Right of Way Ordinance. This involves a company having cable, conduits and equipment in the City's right of way being responsible for moving these items at their cost should the City deem it necessary. Also, the City would not be liable for damages should work be performed in the respect that cables and the like be moved and said damage indeed occurs. Doug Pepple made a motion to move 2016-09 to second reading. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Ordinance 2016-10- Establishing a LOIT Special Distribution Fund-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann spoke to the recent law that was passed and the need for the Ordinance. The City received a check in the amount of \$484,876.85. Mayor Houston indicated a plan was being developed to define ways the money could be used. Phil Vogel made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ord 2016-10 on first reading. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Phil Vogel made a motion to pass Ord 2016-10. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Discussion of Maintenance Inspection Quote-Clerk Treasurer Jim indicated the need to develop a list of short term and long term maintenance items for the City Hall Building. The quote was secured as a starting point for discussion. Phil Vogel recommended we employ a contractor that specifically deals with HVAC installation to identify what maintenance is required. Doug Pepple made a motion that the City reach out to obtain prices from local HVAC contractors for conducting an inspection of the furnace and air units at City Hall. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Request for Title Search-City Attorney George Loy discussed the status of the lot to the North of Wells Fargo Bank. The question is whether this property is an easement or a lot. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve obtaining a title search. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Norway Road-Mayor Houston indicated there has been an effort to identify options for solving the drainage problem. An easement would be required which would necessitate a survey. The survey would cost approximately \$1,000.00. In order to deal with water running in and around an existing rusted out pipe it was decided to add a catch basin and bury a new plastic pipe for drainage on the hillside. The cost would be \$5,126.30. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the cost of doing the survey and to make the drainage improvements. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and all other matters**- Mayor Ken Houston addressed the situation on Tioga Road. He asked whether a committee could be formed in order to address various options with the hillside. Phil Vogel suggested that asking a contractor to review the hillside for suggestions could be helpful. Doug Pepple indicated he would work with the Council members to address the matter.

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer

City of Monticello