

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
Monday June 20, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday June 20, 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 Doug Pepple, Ralph Widmer, Tim McQuinn and Phil Vogel. City Attorney George Loy was also present. Councilor Kim Kramer was absent.

**Minutes**-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, except Ralph Widmer abstained, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-Mayor Houston requested that Item 1 from Old Business be deleted from the agenda. The Council Committee has not had enough time to review the possibilities on the matter of permitting food carts on Constitution Plaza.

**Citizen Participation**-Dave Owens representing AMVETS Post 91 approached the City Council regarding their annual fundraising event called White Clover Days. Dave asked for permission to hold the event on July 1 and 2 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request using the intersections at Illinois St/Washington St and Main St/Broadway St. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Department Heads Reports**-Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that the department responded to a large brush fire behind the Indiana Beach Campground. There was also a house fire on Freeman Drive. The department also responded to a trolley accident along the high hillside bank (East Washington Street) where three people were seriously injured. The trolley cable snapped and the people went down the steep grade resulting in the injuries. The Fire Department also played a softball game against the West Lafayette Department as a fundraiser. The money was split between the two departments. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated there were 44 individuals involved in swim lessons. The Parks Department is getting the entire parks system ready for the Celebration in the Park. The Garden Club is planning another tour on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Police Chief Randy Soliday mentioned that he and Tyler Cosgray received training in Colorado for the use of force simulator. In addition, the department's call load has been going way up as a result of the summer months. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross advised everyone that there are a variety of activities scheduled over the next 2-3 months. And, Water Superintendent Rod Pool suggested that they have been busy with "locates".

**Committee Reports**-Councilor Tim McQuinn said the Tioga Road committee met on June 16<sup>th</sup> with seven neighbors, Andy Harmon, Mitch Billue and himself. The consensus of the group was to place a gate at the top of the hill to keep people from driving down Tioga Hill unless they are supposed to be going there. Perhaps the gate could be open during the day and closed at night. Board of Works member Andy Harmon feels the area is a “diamond in the rough” and would hate to see it closed. Many people use the area. Fisherman, swimmers, joggers, walkers and sight seers use the area. It was decided to allow the committee to meet again on July 14<sup>th</sup> prior to making any decisions.

**Old Business:**

1. Free Little Library-Monica Casanova reported that the Rotary Club will help the Library build the library boxes. She would like to place four of them at the CDC Group homes and at the Council of Aging Building. She will also be meeting with the Parks Board about a location. There is interest in having one located at the Court House or by the plaza area. Tim McQuinn made a motion to allow the Library to place a “Free Little Library” around the Court House contingent upon Area Plan Commission approval. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Umbaugh-Agreement for Accounting Services-Budget Preparation and Cash Flow Analysis Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann reviewed the documentation with the Council and suggested this assistance provided by Umbaugh has been the practice over the years. This year the agreement is \$400.00 less than last year. Councilor Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Umbaugh-Agreement to assist the City formalize budgets for Water and Wastewater The fees for working through this process will be \$4,500.00 for Water and \$6,150.00 for Wastewater department. Councilor Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the request. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and all other matters**-Councilor Tim McQuinn indicated he had received a letter from Dr. Charles Tribbett requesting permission to have his employees park in the gravel median East of his office. Councilor Phil Vogel suggested the doctor’s office could park in the City lot behind the Post Office. Councilor Ralph Widmer agreed.

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello