

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
Monday July 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday July 18, 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, Kim Kramer and Phil Vogel. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2016 meeting as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Emily Zieseniss representing Last Call K-9's thanked the Council for allowing them to have the "bucket drop" to raise funds for their organization. In a 2 hour period they raised \$429.94.

Department Heads Reports- Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated that the "punch list" of repairs with the water towers was not done correctly. He is reaching out to the engineers to have them send a letter to V & T Painting defining what needs to be done and under what time frame. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer reported that it is a muddy mess at the new treatment plant construction site. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the crews will be going around to pick up brush. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that all the tile work done at Altherr Park is working well. There is an "Art in the Park" program planned for 8th Graders. They will be making kaleidoscopes. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that on July 6 Jake Reiff, Cody Scheurich, Tad Henderson, and Charlie Morehead completed training for scuba diving. On July 11th a mandatory class for area volunteer fire departments was held. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported the department responded to a fight at Bluewater and in the process identified an active meth lab. He said that the public has responded very positively to all the officers in the wake of the shooting of officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge. Chief Soliday offered his sincere appreciation for all the public support.

Committee Reports-Councilor Tim McQuinn indicated the Tioga Hill committee met with Jason Miller about the road and hillsides. Jason will be meeting with a geo-technical engineer to review the issues and report back to the committee. Tim indicated the consensus of the neighbors is still to erect a gate at the top of the hill. Councilor Phil Vogel commented the report/suggestions from the engineers are important to understand before decisions could be made. There was discussion about the history of Tioga hill and how the road was once closed in the 1980's. An effort to review previous Council minutes was also discussed in order to validate the timing of the road closure.

Old Business

1. Christ Fellowship Church Block Party Request-Edie Webb

The block party will be held on July 31st. Councilor Tim McQuinn indicated he has driven the area and determined that there are alleys to the west and east of Maple Street which in most cases allow access to garages for the residents. Fire Chief Galen Logan requested a 12 foot lane be made available for Fire Trucks to access in case of a fire event. Maple Street would be closed off at 10:00 am and be re-opened by 5:00 pm. Doug Pepple made a motion to allow the closure of Maple Street from South Street to Fraser Street on July 31 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm so the Christ Fellowship Church can have a block party. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. ADA Transition Plan-Cathy Gross outlined that INDOT requires an update of the plan every three years, but INDOT has exempted the City. INDOT does require a survey be completed every year. Cathy prefers an update to the plan be done yearly so good communication with the Council be accommodated. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello