

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
Monday August 1, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday August 1, 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-Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2016 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Bill Roy requested that he be allowed to have a block party for his neighbors on the 600 block of Harrison Street from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Sunday September 4th with the rain date being Monday September 5th. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the request. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes except Tim McQuinn who abstained (he is a part of the neighborhood), motion carried.

Department Heads Reports- Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated that the “punch list” of repairs with the water towers will be completed by the first week of September as long as humidity levels are not high. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer reported that catch basin repairs are underway. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur said that the Department is trimming back bushes and trees at various intersections around the City. He said there are a few light poles needing to be put back up. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that the last day for the pool to be open will be August 14th. He is also finishing up paperwork which will enable the Dodge Camp Access site to be DNR approved. On October 1st there will be a model rocket launch. 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 indicated Curt Blount will be teaching emergency vehicle operations at the State Police Academy from 8-8-16 through 8-11-16. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross thanked everyone for their help on the Bluewater Beach Bash. The ADA golf outing will be on August 13th at Hollow Acres.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

1. Ball Corporation-SB 1/PP -Statement of Benefits Personal Property

Christine Craig outlined the investment of \$21,000,000.00 of equipment converting one production line for 12 ounce cans to a 12 and 16 ounce swing line capacity. Ball has 247 employees with annual salaries of \$20,844,837.00. The start date of the project will be 9-12-16 with completion expected on 2-28-2017. The abatement request is for 10 years. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the statement of benefits and the abatement request as presented. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2016-11 Additional Appropriation for Defraying Certain Expenses

Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann outlined the reason for the additional appropriation for the LOIT. There is an invoice we would like to pay for street paving in the amount of \$79,070.73. The State requires the paperwork to be completed. Mayor Houston pointed out that we are applying for a grant which if we obtain the funds would be used to reimburse the LOIT account. The \$10,000.00 amount is for reimbursement of the Fire Department's line item for Rooney & Associates fee to pursue (and receive) Medicaid Reimbursement dollars on ambulance services the department provided. We received over \$63,000.00 as a result of Rooney's assistance. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-11 as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2016-12 Parks Department Transfer of Funds-Doug Pepple made a motion to move the Ordinance to a second reading on 8-15-16. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Discussion of Traffic Study-6th and Hanawalt Streets-Mayor Houston recently met with Ball Corporation and Regal Beloit about the intersection. The cost of the study will be \$15,000.00. Ball Corporation has between 75-100 trucks driving in and out of the plant area per day. Mayor Houston believes that the study would not reveal the need for the signals because the traffic counts would not warrant such action. There are seven steps to completing the study with traffic counts being one of the details. The cost to install the lights/signals would be \$150,000-\$200,000. The possibility of Ball and Regal assisting in paying for the study was discussed. Christine Craig representing Ball indicated she would ask management about this. Mayor Houston suggested a discussion with the County, Regal, and White County Economic Development should be continued. Councilor Ralph Widmer pointed out that a determination of how the lights would be paid for should be done prior to spending money on the study. Mayor Houston indicated he would gather more information for the Council members.

5. Discussion of SRTS Engineering Fees- Increase per INDOT-VS Engineering

Mayor Houston said INDOT is requesting an increase of \$10,700.00 in engineering due to the requirement for curb ramps with details meeting ADA regulations and for engineering related to beacons. Since this a 90/10 match the City would pay \$1,070.00. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the increase. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers-None

Miscellaneous and all other matters-None

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

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello