

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday October 3, 2016, at 6:12 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 Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. Pepple-aye, Kramer-aye, McQuinn-aye, Widmer-abstain, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Area Plan Director Joe Rogers asked if he could present information regarding a new B4 Zoning District. Joe explained the issues related to downtown redevelopment should a serious weather event occur which would require business owners to renovate/rebuild their buildings. The current B1 district with its setbacks and parking regulations would create a hardship for the owners. This occurred in Brookston which caused the Area Plan to develop the B4 district. Joe presented the Council a list of Monticello property owners which would be impacted by this proposed B4 district. Our Fire Station is a prime example. The B4 District will be presented to the Area Plan Commission Board for action and then will come back to the Council for action.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue thanked everyone who attended the event held at the Altherr Park Amphitheatre honoring Bill Altherr for his generous donation to the parks. The rocket launch has been rescheduled for October 8th at 9:00 am. On October 11th there will be a painting party at the park. On October 28th there will be a “pumpkin chuck” event from 5-6 pm. On November 18th there will be a “Stories by the Fire” event at the amphitheatre from 6-7 pm. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported Kyle Peterson has his canine being recertified. The Chief also gave a talk to members of the public at an open forum held at the library. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated four members of the department will be attending live fire training from October 17-19. Fire Prevention week is 10-9 through 10-15. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported that the water towers painting repairs were finished on 10-2-16. And, survey work has started on the E South Street Project. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer indicated the plant was shut down for almost 6 hours last Wednesday. Bryan’s storage facility held the flow materials. They found the clarifier arm was full of rust holes. A new part is being ordered. The new clarifier is now online. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the crack sealing project is complete. The last brush pick up will be the week of 10-10-16. The new trash can lids have arrived and will be installed as soon as possible. The Storm Siren has been determined to be unrepairable. Union Township has discussed assisting the City with purchasing new sirens with the provision the City would maintain the sirens including the 2 owned and currently maintained by the Township. Cathy Gross stated that the Fishing for Cause event raised over one thousand dollars. And, planning will begin on the “Behind the Curtain” initiative.

Committee Reports-Councilor Tim McQuinn indicated the next Tioga Hill Committee meeting will be held on 10-13-16 at 5:30 pm at Lakeview Village.

Old Business

1. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2016-14-Transfer of Funds-Clerk Treasurer-Doug Pepple made a motion to

approve Ordinance 2016-14 on 2nd reading. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. NJ Properties 2, LLC-Compliance with Statement of Benefits-This was tabled as no one representing NJ Properties was present.
2. Internal Controls Ordinance 2016-15-This ordinance will move on to a second reading at the 10-17-16 Council Meeting.
3. Area Plan-Joe Rogers-Ordinance Amendment 49-Compact Housing-This was tabled and will be back on the Council Agenda for the October 17th meeting.
4. Park Department-Permission to hire appraisers-City Attorney George Loy indicated the Council must pass a resolution expressing interest in purchasing property. This is specified by law. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-02. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget-City Attorney George Loy opened the Public Hearing. Greg Wright of Umbaugh presented the budget information to the Council. There being no questions from the public the hearing was closed.
6. Ordinance 2016-16-First Reading of Salary Ordinance of Appointed Officers and Employees
The ordinance will be moved to a second reading for the 10-17-16 Council Meeting.
7. Ordinance 2016-17-First Reading of Salary Ordinance of Elected Officials
The ordinance will be moved to a second reading for the 10-17-16 Council Meeting.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello