

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday November 21, 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.

Minutes-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2016 meeting as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Water Superintendent Rod Pool shared that there will be a meeting on 11-22-16 to finalize the plans for the East South Street water line project. It would be great to have bids in January 2017 and begin construction in March 2017. Rod also indicated our water department master plan document will require updating. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that Jason Lingenfelter will be assisting Frontier High School with active shooter training on 11-15. The "Shop With A Cop" taco fundraiser netted \$7,501. A big thank you to Greg and Sandy Johnson who donated everything required to make 2,398 tacos. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that on 12-6-2016 there will be a Christmas Crafts program and on 12-13-16 there will be a Christmas Gourds program. There will also be a time capsule event held at the Anhier Building on the 14th at 6:30 pm. Various individuals will be writing letters which will be included in the capsule to be opened in the year 2065. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported the Mayor's Advisory Council will be meeting on December 7th. March of 2017 will be Disabilities Awareness Month and activities are already being planned. January 11, 2017 is the deadline for artists in the new open class to submit their art. Fire Chief Galen Logan advised the audience the department responded to a fire on Hillcrest Drive on the 18th. There was another fire on Sunday the 20th involving a home on Railroad Street. There was no loss of life with either event. Galen indicated he and Rocky Strange met with the insurance representatives to discuss ISO ratings. This is done every five years. They are hopeful that we would maintain a rating of 4. Two grants were also applied for...one for heart monitors and the other for EOC equipment to be used in the new fire station. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported 140 loads of leaves have been picked up. He said there will be one more leaf and brush pick up made after the leaves are picked up. Wastewater Plant Superintendent Joe Mowrer gave his last report beginning with "business as usual". He then reported with various statistics such as 787,500 toilet flushes during the month of November in the City. Also, there were 24,000 loads of laundry done by the citizens of Monticello.

Committee Reports-Doug Pepple reported the IT Committee met on 11-15 to discuss a new platform for the City website. Dave Brechbiel from One Technologies was present to provide additional information and suggestions. It was decided to establish a sub-committee made up of Lori, Brenda, Cathy and Mitch to champion the process.

Old Business

1. Discussion of Storm Sirens-Partnership with Union Township-Street Commissioner Frank Arthur outlined the state of affairs with regards to the sirens. Union Township is willing to purchase 2 new sirens at a price of \$17,000.00 each for 2 locations. One is the South Water Tower and the second one is at the old hospital location. The City would be responsible for maintenance of the sirens. The total annual electric bill would be \$1,200.00 annually. The wiring work for each siren has been estimated at \$4,000-5,000. REMC has agreed to donate the poles and attach the sirens. Phil Vogel made a motion to direct City Attorney George Loy to draft an agreement with Union Township involving the Township purchasing 2 new sirens and the City providing maintenance. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2016-22 Transfer Ordinance for Street Department-Ralph Widmer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-22. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Area Plan-Joe Rogers-A50 Ordinance for B4 Zoning Amendment. Ordinance 2016-23 addresses a new B4 zoning district which will enable properties to come into compliance which now would not be possible should a business owner in the downtown areas need to rebuild. Doug Pepple made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Joe Rogers also outlined Ordinance 2016-24 which would allow administrative changes from the Building and Planning Department to the subdivision ordinance with B4 zoning classifications. Phil Vogel made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Signage at the Fire Station-Mayor Houston informed the Council that we are allowing the contractors to place signs (like the size of the Realtor signs) at the Fire Station site. This would meet guidelines from the Area Plan Commission.

Accounts Payable Vouchers-Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McQuinn-aye, Pepple-aye, Vogel-abstain, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Houston addressed the matter of conducting a Drainage Review by the City and working out a fee to cover expenses involved in completing one. The Mayor and City Attorney will work out a proposal.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello