

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MARCH 20, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday March 6, 2017, 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 Ralph Widmer, Doug Pepple, 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 March 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes except Doug Pepple abstained, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross indicated that between 80-100 people attended the Arts & Awards Banquet. The Lafayette Spinners BB game will be held on Thursday March 9th along with teams made up of various City employees. Assistant Fire Chief Rocky Strange reported that \$2,400.00 was raised for Special Olympics during the Polar Plunge event. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey outlined several plant projects that are progressing very well and he will be presenting at the IWWA meeting on the topic of “nitrogen in aquatic environments”. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the department employees have been passing out flyers regarding the schedule for brush pick up and spring clean-up. The East side of the City will be on 4-22-17 and the West side will be on 4-29-2017. NIPSCO installed a new street light at 3rd and Broadway. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported there have been an increase in doing “locates” as a result of the good weather. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that a Police chase resulted with a damaged fence at Voigt Park. The damage will be repaired right away. He is taking applications for summer help. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that the department is in the process of reviewing vendors so they can replace the bulletproof vests. He will be applying through the Department of Justice for a grant.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

1. Area Plan Commission-Colin Betts-Final Approval of White County Comprehensive Plan
This was tabled until the March 20, 2017 meeting.

2. Ordinance 2017-03-Creating a Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund-City Attorney George Loy outlined the details of the ordinance as it related to monies we received from Community Crossing Grants. He said he discussed the wording with the State Board of Accounts and they approved the same. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-03 as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Discussion of Building Maintenance-Awnings Quote-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the awnings quotation as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Discussion of Citywide Telephone System-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann outlined several details of the telephone committee efforts to date. Originally, we were provided a quotation from Lightstream Citywide phone service which was recently pulled from consideration by the supplier. The committee met with Centurylink and Taylored Systems. It was felt like Taylored Systems has done extensive homework on our total citywide phone system to learn what we have currently in place. They have also provided us pricing/details and have met the parameters the committee has requested. We are still waiting on completed pricing from Centurylink. As a result of being on a deadline because of the new Fire Station the committee recommended moving forward with Taylored Systems. The upfront one-time expense will be \$10,000.00 and the monthly expense will be \$1,800.00. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation and move the matter to the Board of Works for their approval. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Safe Routes to Schools-Request for Additional Appropriation-Mayor Houston outlined the 7 year history of this INDOT project. As a result of a recent bid letting on the project the costs have exceeded the original engineering estimate. An additional appropriation would have to be done in the amount of \$76,443.52 in order to pay for the difference in the project expense. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve advertising for the additional appropriation. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters- None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello