

**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 20, 2017, at 6:05 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-Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that he, Assistant Chief Rocky Strange, and Captain Steve Fisher attended a leadership class in Indianapolis. The Aktion Club donated \$1,000.00 to the Fire Department. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated that KIRPC has been assisting him with the application for the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant. He also said he will be attending a meeting with the Arrowhead R C & D in order to receive a check for \$5,000.00. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross thanked everyone who worked at the Home Show. There will be over 100 Twin Lakes High School students participating in “walk a mile in my shoes day” on March 23rd. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported the new tertiary filters, plant drain pump station and UV system station are now all running. The biological system is soon to be put online. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated Twin Lakes High School had a broken water main and the department employees assisted TL maintenance personnel make repairs. There were 16 water main breaks over the winter season. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported the estimates for the 2 traffic lights on Broadway have come in \$243,000.00 which is over the engineer’s estimate. INDOT is planning on re-paving US 421 South (Harrison Street to the bridge). This will also include re-doing the crosswalks to make them ADA compliant. Assistant Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported the department will be applying for a grant in April in order to buy bulletproof vests. In addition, all three of the City’s canines assisted the County with a search at North White High School.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

1. Area Plan Commission-Colin Betts-Final Approval of White County Comprehensive Plan-Mr. Betts outlined the history of this new plan and how the City of Monticello is represented in the document along with all the other municipalities in White County. Mayor Houston pointed out there are spelling errors (Anhier and Altherr) along with a few other matters. Bluewater Beach is located on Lake Freeman and not Lake Shafer. There is also reference to 76 acres on page 93 which is incorrect. On page 141 there is reference to a TIF District in downtown Monticello which the Mayor questioned. There was also a mention of a greenway/path on Francis Street which is incorrect. The mention of "historical areas" is also incorrect along with a reference to the downtown area in the same regards. Colin indicated that minor changes as discussed could be made in the near future. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the White County Comprehensive Plan. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2017-04-Additional Appropriation-SRTS-Safe Routes To School-City Attorney George Loy reported the advertisement with public notice was done on March 8, 2017 which satisfies the legal requirements. The Council agreed to move forward with the SRTS project with an additional appropriation for funding on their March 6th meeting. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-04 with the amount of \$76,443.52. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Water Department-Consideration of Fathom Software-Meter Program-Mayor Houston outlined the water department's installation of new meters and towers over the past 3 years which has allowed the department to determine leaks with our water customers. The Fathom Software will allow the customer to monitor their water usage and to be texted (and/or emailed) about a problem, so they can react and initiate repairs right away. Another reason for the software is to reduce the billing adjustments that the Board of Works have been approving for many years. Through our discussions with the State Board of Accounts it has come to our attention that very few cities/towns offer adjustments. Over the span of the next 6 months the Water Department will be educating the customers on this new software, Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the request as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Tim McQuinn indicated he has been asked about parking spaces at the top of the hill at Tioga Road. Assistant Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter said there was room for 1 car to park. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur commented there might be room for 2 cars. It was decided the matter would need to be further investigated.

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

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello