

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JULY 17, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday July 17, 2017, 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 Ralph Widmer, Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, Phil Vogel and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-Mayor Houston requested one item be added to the agenda-Miller & Associates contract amendment for Geotec Review on INDOT DES 1400844 TAP Project.

**Citizen Participation**-Mr. Jerry Phelps addressed the Council and Mayor regarding the Tioga Road bridge approach. He indicated there is mud and debris on the bridge. He also asked how the trailers along the water's edge are being accessed. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue said that he is the point of contact for unlocking the gate to allow access. Mayor Houston added that it was his understanding the access granted by the Council was solely for the property owner and Mitch was to be the contact person for the property owner. Mr. Phelps inquired about the deer population on East Ohio Street and the damage they are doing to the vegetation. He wanted to bring the matter to the Council's attention. Councilor Phil Vogel agreed the deer population is an issue. Lastly, Mr. Phelps brought up the issue with the curve on E Ohio Street. Tree branches are growing over the roadway. And, water is standing at a low spot along the curve. He asked about the status of widening the road. Mayor Houston indicated that Tioga Road was closed to vehicular traffic because of safety. He also indicated a joint meeting was held by the White and Carroll County Commissioners along with the Law Enforcement Community to discuss the safety issues and maintenance with the bridge. The Counties discussed enforcement of common ordinances pertaining to the bridge. There was discussion in the joint meeting of closing off any type of access to the bridge. Regarding East Ohio Street the Mayor indicated he was not aware of a consensus on a specific plan. Councilor Ralph Widmer stated that a committee was formed and it did come to a consensus but a meeting has not been held with Area Plan and the Engineer to review the project. Councilor Phil Vogel suggested he felt the next meeting was to bring the committee actions forward and confirm the consensus. Ralph Widmer felt the action of the committee was ignored. Mayor Houston indicated the Board of Works has not been involved yet and they will need to be for any plan to move forward. Phil Vogel asked if the trees at the curve on E Ohio Street could be trimmed. City Attorney George Loy indicated the property owner should be contacted prior to trimming trees. The Mayor also requested that DNR information regarding deer populations be sent to the Council for further review/action.

**Department Heads Reports-** Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported the Parks Department has had 128 reservations for pavilion rentals. The total for 2016 was 159. Swim lessons are now up to 196 participants. The Rotary Boat Regatta will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur there are problems with the traffic signals at Main and Broadway. He has called Hawk Enterprises to make repairs. The SRTS project is 35% complete. The department will also be spraying for mosquitos. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated the test wells project has been postponed due to wet soils. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross thanked everyone for their cooperation on the recent ADA/Title 6 training. She also reported the Wellness Event at the City Pool was a success. There was good attendance considering it was a first time event. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported the sanitary extension at the new Fire Station has started. And, there are lots of “locates”. Additionally, repairs are being made on various sinkholes around the City. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported there has been a department-wide firearms qualification. Curt Blount will be at the Academy teaching a safety course on driving emergency vehicles.

**Committee Reports-** None

**Old Business-**None

**New Business**

1. Joe Crivello-Permission for 2018 Celebration in the Park-Joe requested approval from the Council to permit the event for July 7, 2018. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Ball Corporation-Steve Mathis-CF-1/PP Statement of Benefits-Ball Corporation Controller Steve Mathis reviewed the documents required for the Council to approve. Job growth, sales growth and equipment investment are all on an upswing. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the statement of benefits as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Ann Cottingim-AIM Medical Trust Update-Ann made a presentation to the Council and Mayor outlining the history of the Trust and Monticello’s experience since joining in July 2012. The Trust has offered stability over the years with renewals averaging 5% as opposed to medical trend being over 10%. There are 41 member cities and towns making up the Trust. The Trust offers many plan options. There have been 5 new municipalities join the Trust in 2017. The quoting process is a very deliberate process. Ralph Widmer inquired about the selection of insurance broker and whether that is reviewed by the AIM Medical Board of Trustees. Jim Mann indicated it has been and will continue to be discussed by the Board. Jim brought up the need for the Council to assign a member of Council, the Mayor, or the Clerk to execute a ballot by July 28, 2017. The ballot is to vote for 2 Trustees seeking re-election by their prospective Cities. Tim McQuinn made a motion to allow Jim Mann to cast the ballot on behalf of the City of Monticello. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. White County Special Olympics-Bucket Shake-Lori Cheever and Kyle Ashton approached the Council about their plans to raise funds for a boche court. They need to raise \$30,000.00. Phil Vogel made a motion to permit the bucket shake on July 21, 2017 or July 22, 2017 depending upon how volunteers will be staffed. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the bucket shake. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

5. White County Area Plan Commission-Rezone Petition 1066-Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-08, an ordinance amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County, Indiana. This changes B1 District in the downtown area to B4. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
6. White County Area Plan Commission-Rezone Petition 1068-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-09, an ordinance amending the Unified Zoning Ordinance of White County, Indiana. This changes Lots 2 and 3 in Alva J Martin's Second Addition from B2 to B4. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Ordinance 2017-10-Additional Appropriation-Defraying Certain Expenses of The City of Monticello For Fiscal Year 2017-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. It is a requirement of the State Board of Accounts and the Department of Local Government Finance. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Consideration of Geotec Contract-TAP-Request for Funds-This pertains to INDOT DES 1400844. Mayor Houston indicated the Geotec Contract is for boring holes in the area where sidewalks are to be located. This requirement was not in the original contract, but now we have to comply. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 (not to exceed) in engineering funds to pay for the Geotec Contract. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

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

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-None

**Adjournment**-The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello