

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday October 16, 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 Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, Ralph Widmer and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Dave Burns addressed the Council about the matter of engine brakes. He lives in the 600 block of West Broadway. Dave suggested a sign along US 24 by Roosevelt Junior High might be helpful. Councilman Doug Pepple inquired as to whether this was a seasonal matter related to the ag-related influence of our area. Mr. Burns did not feel it was a seasonal matter. Mayor Houston indicated the matter would be further discussed as it is an agenda item for this evening.

Department Heads Reports-Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported 100 people participated in the White County rocks scavenger hunt event. He also reported on the success of the Rotary Club Road Rally held on 10-8-17 and the Scare in the Park event sponsored by SOMA. Work on the Bluewater Access Site is a collaboration of the CDC, Mayor's Advisory Council for ADA, and the City. A new pier will be installed, kayak dock, and a geo-grid walkway allowing handicap access. Mitch also stated the Rotary Club will be repairing the City Park gazebo with an estimated expense of \$12,000.00. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported that Mike Keay will be returning to work on 10-23-17. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the South Street Water Main project is going well with street patching and other clean-up work to be completed over the next 2 weeks. He also mentioned that bids for the traffic lights/signals would be on the agenda for the 11-20-17 Board of Works meeting. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that Craig Green, Rocky Strange and Steven Fisher attended PATC leadership training on October 3,4, and 5. Teresa Williams from White IU Memorial Hospital provided "stop the bleed training" for the MFD and the MPD. Galen also said that the week of 10-6 was Fire Prevention Week. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported he has received notification that the department was awarded funding from White County Emergency Management for two True Narc Kits. The total amount awarded was \$52,000.00. The kits help identify the drug without having the police officer have to touch the substance. Police Officers have experienced problems with overdose using the old methods of handing/identifying narcotics. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross said the City's Wellness Event will be held at REMC on 10-31-2017.

Committee Reports- None

Old Business

1. Ordinance 2017-14-City of Monticello 2018 Budget-Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the 2018 budget as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2017-12-An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Monticello, Indiana for Calendar Year 2018-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented without amendment. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2017-13-An Ordinance Establishing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2018-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented without amendment. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Resolution 2017-07-Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Monticello Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds-City Attorney George Loy indicated the previous resolution was adopted for a 2 year period and it would be appropriate for the Council to update the resolution for another 2 years. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated there is no reason to make any changes to the details since it has been working well. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-07 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Discussion of “Jake” Brake Ordinance-City Attorney George Loy outlined the details of the ordinance he drafted. It was noted that the verbiage used for “Jake” brakes should include many other terms that refer to the same thing. Those terms are included in the ordinance. Citizen Dave Burns offered sign samples he found while doing research on this matter. Andy Harmon indicated he noticed a sign while driving through West Virginia that said “No Engine Braking for the Next ½ Mile”. Ralph Widmer suggested the issue is a noise related matter. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur asked where the signs would be placed. Mayor Houston stated the County would have to be consulted about where signage could be placed. City Attorney George Loy indicated there should be a fine included in the ordinance. The Council agreed to \$1,000.00. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-16 for first reading with a fine of \$1,000.00 added to the verbiage. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. Fire Department-Request to Transfer Funds-Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the department had applied for a grant to purchase new heart monitors. Unfortunately, the grant request was denied. Chief Logan would like to transfer funds (\$14,000.00) from the fireman account to the new equipment (\$7,000.00) and building maintenance (\$7,000.00) funds. This would allow the department to move forward with the purchase. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-15 to a second reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Tim McQuinn commented about all the positive feedback he received at the AIM Conference while speaking with many vendors to the City. The vendors spoke highly of all our department heads. Doug Pepple spoke of the privilege it is to work with the Mayor, Department Heads, and the citizens. George Loy echoed what Tim and Doug spoke of in their comments.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello