

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MARCH 5, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on March 5, 2018 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, Tim McQuinn, and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes- Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. Kramer-aye, McQuinn-aye and Widmer-abstain. Motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston indicated that “Permission to have a Fire Truck Pull” for the “Special Olympics” be added as New Business item 4.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that Jason Lingenfelter, Tony Stroup, Charlie Morehead, Nate Miller, and Marty Cotterman are attending Crisis Intervention Training from March 5-9 in West Lafayette. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated that a fire hydrant was knocked over and “locates” were slow due to the time of year. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported the number of overtime hours has significantly increased from 2016-2017 winter (22 OT Hours to 201 OT Hours). The salt allotment has been used for 2017-2018 and the department is using the surplus amount. Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 14 on the East side and April 21 on the West side. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported there have been 14 water main breaks so far this winter. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey outlined the heavy rain events and how that has impacted the plant operations. They have been able to make adjustments in order to handle the heavy rains. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that Ryan Hahn began full time on 2-19-19. He also said the department has received 2 grants. One is from the Bauer Family Resources out of Lafayette. This is for smoke detectors. Also, the State Board of Health has funded the purchase of NARCAN.

Committee Reports-

PROCLAMATION-DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH-MARCH 2018-Mayor Ken Houston read a proclamation and acknowledged Jim Kramer, President of the Mayor’s Advisory Council For The American’s With Disabilities Act.

Old Business

1. Colin Betts-White County Building and Planning-2017 Overview-Colin reported the office had a 10% increase in building permits. Colin brought up the matter of distressed properties and would like to begin a discussion with the Board of Health and the municipalities on the matter. In 2018 Colin would like to purchase new software for the Building & Planning Department. He said they started a Facebook page in order to improve communications with the public.

New Business

1. Sharon McKinley-Reclaimed Dames-Downtown Parking-Deleted from agenda.
2. Parks Department-Permission For A Prescribed Burn-Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue requested the Council grant permission for a burn at Altherr Nature Park. He stated the burn will help control the spread of non-desirable vegetation. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the burn. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Miscellaneous and all other matters-Doug Pepple reported that he has met with Twin Lakes Cinema owner Tim Luby to discuss parking concerns. Doug believes there is a viable solution in the works. Phil Vogel asked Frank Arthur if he would review parking concerns along East Ohio Street.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello