

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MARCH 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on March 4, 2019 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, Phil Vogel, Tim McQuinn, Ralph Widmer and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Mayor Houston recognized White County Special Olympics representative Lori Cheever who requested the Council approve a Bucket Shake fundraiser for April 6th. Lori said the time would be from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the corners of Main and Washington and Main and Illinois. Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the request. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads Reports-Water Superintendent Rod Pool said the department has been doing lots of maintenance. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported there is a family walk event at Altherr Nature Park planned for 4-27-2019 and led by Rick Read. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the department has responded to several fires. One on Franklin Court in Norway, another on West Harrison Street in Monticello and another on 400 South/425 East. There was Hazmat training on the 2-23-2019 for 12 students from several area departments. This was a prerequisite for Firefighter 1 Class which will be provided and funded by District 4. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the department has reached 400 hours of overtime through the winter months. The department has been patching pot holes as weather permits. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross outlined the many activities planned for Disability Awareness Month during the month of March. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported that Accu-dig will be starting Phase 2 of the clean and televise project. Adam said that on March 6th the department will be hosting the Frankfort Wastewater Treatment Plant staff. They are studying options for building a new plant. Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated Bob Houser will be volunteering his services as Chaplain. The department will be working with their state mandated training on March 14th.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

- 1. SOMA-Kathryn Springer-Monetary Support**-Kathryn requested the City Council continue supporting SOMA in their future budgets. Council President Doug Pepple asked Kathryn if the funds provided by the Council have been used to increase SOMA's cash position so they can pursue grants where a larger match is required. She said yes. Council person Phil Vogel asked what amount of money was in reserves. He was thinking there would be a larger amount of cash in reserves established because of the need to have more funds for matching purposes. Kathryn indicated there was approximately \$24,000.00 in the bank. Doug Pepple made a motion to budget \$10,000.00 per year for SOMA for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. SOMA-Brandi Page-Discussion of Festivals**-Brandi asked the Council if some additional guidelines could be added to the ones the City has in place for festivals. She indicated benches, trash cans, flower pots and other things are moved during the festivals. This causes a hardship for SOMA. It was decided to have a committee convene which would be comprised of a Council member, Mayor Houston, SOMA and festival representatives to discuss this matter. Mayor Houston recommended this meeting be planned for April. Kim Kramer will be the Council representative.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello