

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JUNE 3, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on June 3, 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 Kim Kramer, Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, Phil Vogel and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes except Kim Kramer who abstained, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-Jim Davis of 306 S Illinois Street thanked the Council for the work done to improve the curb (drainage) which has improved the water issue. James De Gard of 710 Bluewater Drive offered a complaint regarding vehicles speeding from St. Mary's Street through Bluewater. He said this occurs after 4:30 pm through 7:00 pm. He would like to see officers be more visible in the area. Mr. De Gard said he has brought this up several times with his Councilman, Doug Pepple. Mayor Houston indicated the speeding issue is the number 1 matter that is brought to the Mayor's office. Mr. De Gard suggested portable speed bumps be installed to help alleviate the speeding matter. Chief Soliday said he has patrolled the area and has not found any speeders.

**Department Head Reports**-Wastewater Supervisor Adam Downey reported that with the recent rains the past investments in combined sewer overflow mitigation have paid off. Ten years ago there would have been 7 points of overflow. The current rain events caused only 3 overflows. Park Department Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that Kim Hoover will be having her "hoots and howls" show on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There are 138 people signed up for swim lessons. The trusses are being set at the Nature Center construction site. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that trees are being trimmed along the curve on East Ohio Street. Water Superintendent Rod Pool mentioned there have been an increasing amount of "locates" around the City. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported that she will be presenting at the AIM Conference in French Lick on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. There will be a Wellness Party for City employees on the Madam Carroll on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The gazebo project will be finished by June 20<sup>th</sup>. Assistant Chief Craig Green reported that Zach Wolfe, Nick Green, Nick Ingram and Chad Walther completed the rescue diving training. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported the Rotary Bingo event raised \$3,324.30 for canine support.

**Committee Reports**-None

## **Old Business-**

- 1. SFLECC-John Koppelman-Consideration of Financial Support**-John reported the estimated legal expenses stated previously of \$85,000.00 has increased to \$111,000.00. Ralph Widmer asked what other entities have committed to with regards to funding. John said they are waiting on answers from Carroll and White Counties. John said this effort is a last ditch effort to present their case in front of a Federal judge. Tim McQuinn made a motion to provide funding to the SFLECC and Kim Kramer seconded the motion by confirming an amount of \$20,000.00. Mayor Houston called for discussion. John reported that 3% of the inn keepers tax goes to the dredging efforts and would not be usable for legal expenses. The other 2% goes to tourism. He also said they are considering increases to the shorefront licensing. John indicated the SFLECC has spent \$300,000.00 out of the reserve funds on the legal matter. Tim McQuinn confirmed his motion for \$20,000.00 of support for the SFLECC. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McQuinn-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Vogel-aye, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

- 1. Greg Johnson-Permission to Place a Sign at his Business**-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the sign on Broadway above the sidewalk. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Kean MacOwan-July 6 Boat Parade/Celebration at the Park**-Kean reviewed the details and changes to this year's event. This year the focus is on Vietnam Veterans. Doug Pepple made a motion to allow the events as outlined to be permitted for July 6<sup>th</sup>. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-Mayor Houston indicated he has received quotes for conducting an appraisal on the old fire station. One response was \$2,000.00 and another was for \$3,600.00. The Council will need to decide the next step.

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello