

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JULY 1, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on June 17, 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 June 17, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported the department cleaned out the digesters. The NPDES permit was successfully renewed for 5 years. It was done in house to save money. Adam indicated he was recently elected VP of the Wabash River Runner's Club. Parks Department Supervisor Mitch Billue outlined various park programs and pool events. Local firefighter Nick Green will be playing guitar and singing at Altherr Park on July 12th. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported on the construction activity around the City. Sidewalk repairs will begin in August along sections of South Main Street. The project on 24 West and Railroad Street is planned for 2020. The South Main Street and Gordon Road round-a-bout is scheduled for 2023. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated the Fire Truck Pull was well attended by many at the festival and Monon won the event. The MFD will be conducting its annual training with emergency vehicles next week. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported the department has been repairing a few small leaks and there have been many "locates" to identify. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross outlined several events being planned including the Golf Outing on August 10th and the Wellness Event on October 3rd. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that Officer Chris Blake and canine Pete are back on the road as of July 1 2019. Canine Marco will be retiring on July 4th.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-

- 1. Trilogy-Statement of Benefits-CF-1-Paulie Shively and Peter Massey-Mr. Massey** reviewed the history of Trilogy (White Oak) in Monticello and outlined the construction of the memory care unit completed approximately 4 years ago. Peter indicated he was on the development side of the business and Paulie is on the tax/financial side. Mayor Houston asked if the company hired new employees this year. Paulie said there were 40 new employees and some of them are part time. The Council discussed the current number of employees as 176 compared to SB-1 which was listed as 100. Again, some of these are part

time employees. It was also noted that the total salaries have increased almost \$1,000,000.00 since the SB-1 was written. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

- 1. United Way-Nikie Jenkinson-Proposal for Old Fire Station-**Nikie outlined a vision for how the old fire station could be a “cultural showcase” for the community. Space within the station could be used as a coffee shop, a restaurant, an area for artists, a business incubator and retail offices. Nikie indicated the United Way would like to move into the space on the main level of the original station. She would like to have the Council approve the request. The City would continue to maintain the station and pay the utilities. Nikie indicated the United Way would reach out to “partners” who would be participate in the development of the space. She said the United Way would like to be the first partner. Nikie also indicated the United Way would have funding available for renovating the area of the station they would like to use. Questions came up regarding ADA accessibility and bathroom repairs. The Council decided to take the matter under advertisement.
- 2. Review of Engagement Letter for the Appraisal of the Old Fire Station-**Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Cornerstone Appraisal Group as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 to install speed bumps in a selected area as a trial to determine the impact to the public. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated the funds for the purchase would come from Rainy Day, CCD or CCI. City Attorney George Loy said the funds need to be appropriated from the Council, but the final decision to enter into a purchase with a vendor is a Board of Works matter. Mayor Houston indicated the decision to do something about speeding with the speed bumps is better than to do nothing. He stated they can be moved to different locations and removed for the winter so snow plowing can be done. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello