

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Houston and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Houston asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Joe Maxson who had worked for the City for 33 years.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Councilors Kim Kramer, Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, and Phil Vogel. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**- Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. McQuinn-Aye, Kramer-Aye, Pepple-Aye, and Vogel-Abstain. Motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-Representing SOMA, Kathryn Springer highlighted the “We Love Our Downtown Week” from October 6-12. On Tuesday October 8 Lt Governor Suzanne Crouch will be in attendance from 4-5 pm and there will be various activities from 4-7 pm.

**Department Head Reports**-Parks Department Supervisor Mitch Billue reported that Eagle Scout candidate Ben Musall built a kayak racking structure at Bluewater Beach Park. Mitch indicated he has applied for 2 grants, one through IPEP and another with the White County Community Foundation. The one with IPEP is for safety equipment and the one with the Community Foundation is for a climbing wall at the pool. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that Assistant Chief Craig Green attended a class in Lafayette on September 5, 2019 to help improve relations among agencies when responding to a local disaster. Galen also said the Rotary Club will be having a dinner for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders on 9-29-2019 at the station. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported the Main Street Project is progressing on the West side with sidewalk rehabilitation. The street milling will start the week of Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pavement Solutions will be applying a rejuvenating agent to various streets which is one of the Community Crossings projects. LTAP is coming to town to put on a clinic for plowing snow. This will be in conjunction with the White County Highway Department. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported that as a result of the recent storm repairs had to be made on the grit tanks. He said that other electrical repairs had to be made. A price of \$2,326.00 has been quoted by Scheurich’s on the grease trap at the Council on Aging Building. Adam indicated he needs to confirm some details on the grease trap quote. Assistant Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported that Treavor Cox will be attending the Police Academy training starting on January 13, 2020. On October 5 and 11 the department will be conducting their annual driving tests at the airport. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated there have been repairs and meter replacement along Main Street as a part of the sidewalk project. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported the Mayor’s Advisory Council has partnered with the Rotary Club to provide portable ramp options for individuals who require a temporary ramp system at their home. The fall wellness event will be held at the Fire Station on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Committee Reports**-Mayor Houston reported the employee handbook committee is reviewing the draft provided by NewFocusHR. Progress is being made.

**Old Business**-None

**New Business**

1. **Recognition of 2019 ADA Coordinator of the Year**-Mayor Ken Houston outlined various accomplishments realized by Cathy Gross over her time as ADA coordinator for the City. He also acknowledged Cathy being named ADA Coordinator of the Year in 2019 by the ADA's State Association.
2. **White County Building & Planning-Joe Rogers-Rezone Petition 1115-209 Condo St-Joe** outlined that the property is currently zoned B1. It was previously zoned R2 which is residential and does fit the neighborhood characteristics. The Area Plan Commission voted unanimously to approve the rezone request. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the rezone petition from B1 to R2 on 209 Condo Street. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **Consideration of Quotes on Senior Center Parking Area**-Mayor Houston presented some background on how the Council has assisted the Senior Center in the past with needed repairs to the building such as a new roof, some new windows, and a furnace replacement. He indicated there are two figures which should be considered. One amount is \$122,717.93 and involves demo work, drainage improvements, new sidewalks and parking areas in concrete. The other amount (\$103,467.93) involves the same details except the parking area will be in blacktop. Mayor Houston said the Street Department would pay for approximately \$34,640.00 of the total expense. The amount needed would be \$68,827.93 and this would be for the option of blacktopping the lot. The Mayor also suggested he was in discussion with the White County Commissioners regarding a possibility of some kind of assistance. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur said he thought the project could be completed this year. Frank also recommended the blacktop option as it leads to lower maintenance costs. The Council discussed the pros and cons of concrete versus blacktop. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve up to \$70,000.00 towards completion of the project. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Permission for Block Party-601-610 West Harrison Street**-Tim McQuinn asked the Council's permission to block off the streets on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm in order to have a block party. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Clerk Treasurer-Authorization to Invest Public Funds**-City Attorney George Loy outlined the legal guidelines for the Council to give the Clerk Treasurer authority to do so. The current investment ordinance and resolution needs to be updated. It was agreed to have George prepare updated documents for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

6. **Public Hearing-OCRA Application for CDBG Funds-Wastewater Drinking Water Program-RCA Neighborhood Water System Improvements**-Emily Albaugh representing KIRPC began the public hearing at 7:02 pm. She stated this was a re-application of the same project which was not approved during an earlier attempt. Emily said there were 22 applications submitted for funding on the initial round and 8 were approved. Andrew Robarge of Commonwealth reviewed the scope of the project with all in attendance. Although the project is focused on water line maintenance Commonwealth did televise some sewers. Phase 1 will increase the water mains from 4" to 6" to increase flows. There would also be new valves and hydrants. Mayor Houston closed the public hearing at 7:16 pm.
7. **Fire Department-Consideration of Equipment Purchase**-Mayor Houston reviewed the purchase of the ambulance from Fire Service, Inc. and the source of the funds involved. \$150,000.00 will come from the contract with White County and the balance of \$74,253.00 will come from Jefferson Township. The Mayor also indicated the Fire Department would like to use contract funds already earmarked for Fire Equipment to purchase 23 ensembles of turn out gear, a cardiac monitor/defibrillator, an intubation unit, a portable spreader, cutter, and battery ram. The total for these items is \$171,529.09. The City will do an additional appropriation request for these funds so the purchase can be made in 2019. It will have to be advertised and brought before the Council at a future meeting.
8. **Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Phil Vogel asked about receiving bids on the insurance business with the City. Mayor Houston indicated he did discuss this with outside companies and yet did not understand the timing of September 1-August 31 on the policies. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann stated it be better for the City to time the contracts for a calendar year. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-Kim Kramer asked about a house across from Dr. Riese's office. The grass needs attention. Assistant Chief Jason Lingenfelter took note and will aid in communicating the matter to our ordinance officer.

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello