

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Councilors Kim Kramer, Bill Cheever, Ralph Widmer, Ken Houston and Doug Pepple. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 16, 2019 and the special meeting of December 23, 2019 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Schonda Gritten approached the Council with a street lighting concern along West Fisher Street where her new business “Greens and Beans” is located. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur agreed that the area is in a dark stretch of the street. He also said that lights are normally placed at intersections. Schonda Gritten said there is a light at the Foxwood Court intersection. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter indicated there have been crimes committed along that stretch of Fisher Street. Wastewater Supervisor Adam Downey reported the right of way is a potential concern along the street. Frank Arthur suggested there are poles along the street that could be used for new lighting. Schonda Gritten indicated the price for a light being placed on their property is \$16.00 per month. The Council requested Frank Arthur pull together some information and costs details on adding street lighting along Fisher Street where the “Greens and Beans” business is located.

Department Head Reports-Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the City will be receiving \$32,000.00 through the ambulance reimbursement program that is annually done through the efforts of Meyers & Stauffer and information provided by the Clerk Treasurer’s office. The Fire Department has also realigned all three shifts effective January 2, 2020. Galen indicated he and Assistant Chief Craig Green will be attending a statewide EMS Commission meeting to learn about recent accomplishments and challenges ahead. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that the Nature Center Construction will move inside to install plumbing and electrical. He also said there was a break-in at the shop with 2 chain saws and a drill stolen. Donation money was also stolen. Wastewater Supervisor Adam Downey indicated he has been working on a 2019 report and laying out plans for 2020. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported there have been only 5 broken mains thus far during the 2019-2020 winter season. Two of the water department employees will be taking tests to advance their training and certifications. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur thanked White Carroll REMC for their help taking down Christmas lighting. He also said the Community Crossings application process is now open for the initial round in 2020. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported Jacob Kelly passed his medical and psychological testing and a pension meeting is scheduled for January 9 to accept him into the pension plan. This will continue his steps towards being

hired. Officer Tony Stroup will become Assistant Chief on January 16th. Treavor Cox will be going the State Police Academy on January 13th.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-

1. **Discussion of RFP-Tax Sale Properties**-Council President Doug Pepple reported that after discussions with Council members and local contractors he recommends another RFP be prepared. The updated RFP would be communicated better and also allow the contractors to look at each property separately. It was decided to have an updated RFP prepared by the end of January.

New Business

1. **Council Appointments to the Monticello Redevelopment Commission**-Doug Pepple recommended to the Council that Dan Oldenkamp and Alyssa Adams be appointed to the MRC. Kim Kramer made a motion to appoint Dan and Alyssa to the MRC. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Council Appointment to the NW Indiana Solid Waste District**-Tabled until 1-21-2020.
3. **Council Appointment to the Area Plan Commission**-Bill Cheever made a motion to appoint Doug Pepple to the Area Plan Commission. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, except Pepple who abstained. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion of Council Liaison Responsibilities**-Doug Pepple made a motion to have Ken Houston serve as liaison with the utilities, Kim Kramer with Police, Ralph Widmer with Fire, Bill Cheever with Streets and Doug with the Parks. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Election of Council President**-Kim Kramer made a motion to elect Doug Pepple as Council President. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello