

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JUNE 15, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on June 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Note: Meeting started at 6:50 pm due to length of 5:30 pm Board of Works meeting). The meeting was done via zoom and 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 Bill Cheever, Kim Kramer, 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 joint meeting of Board of Works and Council of June 1 2020 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-Mayor Cathy Gross requested item 2 under new business be added, "OCRA-Phase 2 Business Grant Program".

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Head Reports**-Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported the department received 107 phone calls over the last weekend. They are also doing background checks on the recent officer candidates. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that all the documents came back for Ryan Hahn and he will begin on June 4, 2020. And, representatives from the City of Lawrence drove up to tour the new station and discuss details of their plans. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated he has been spending lots of time updating the asset management plan with Commonwealth Engineering. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey commented that there have been lots of locates. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported there were 41 roll offs used for spring clean-up. This amounted to 163 tons of trash and the expense was \$21,000.00. It did not include any overtime labor expenses. Frank also said there will be an online auction of City surplus equipment using Olson Auctions. Park Department Superintendent Mitch Billue reported mulching projects have been finished at Jordan and Bluewater Parks. Mitch indicated he trimmed some of the downtown trees. There was damage at the City Park pier, but it has been repaired. ADA Coordinator Kathryn Tardiff reported she is continuing to work from home amid the pandemic. She also attended the disability hiring event at Indiana Beach.

**Committee Reports**-None

## **Old Business-**

- 1. Old Fire Station-Roof Repairs-**Council President Doug Pepple brought up the warranty matter with Aragon Construction. This is connected to the labor and materials being clarified as 20 years. Council member Bill Cheever commented he would like to work with City Attorney George Loy to have the language of the agreement cleaned up. Doug Pepple made a motion to provisionally approve the agreement as long as the 20 year warranty applies to materials and labor. There was other discussion regarding a supervisory committee to monitor work progress, the use of drones to aid in that purpose, and the removal of an exhaust unit. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-abstain, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-aye, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
- 2. Return to Work Plan-**Doug Pepple made a motion approve Resolution 2020-05 as presented and approved the Board of Works. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

## **New Business**

- 1. Accounts Payable Vouchers-**Council member Ken Houston made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Consideration of OCRA Phase 2 Business Grant Program-**Mayor Cathy Gross indicated that she, Ralph Widmer, Bill Cheever, Randy Mitchell and Edwin Buswell of KIRPC had a phone discussion earlier about this opportunity. Eligible businesses would have 100 employees or less and would fit in to the category of “low to moderate income”. The program could offer loans and grants. Loans would be up to \$25,000. Grants would be up to \$10,000.00. A proposal is required to be submitted to OCRA by June 26, 2020. A final application is required by the 31st of July. Doug Pepple made a motion to have KIRPC move forward on the proposal phase. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and all other matters-**Mayor Gross asked the Council/BOW members to think about alternative locations for having regular in person meetings.

**Adjournment-**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello