

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Cathy Gross called the meeting to order and all present said the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was conducted virtually using the Zoom platform.

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**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting of the Council as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Head Reports**-There were no questions for the department heads.

**Committee Reports**-Councilmember Bill Cheever reported the Small Business Grant Committee has received many applications as of Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. The committee will be reviewing the applications on October 8.

**Old Business**-

1. **Street Department-Transfer Ordinance 2020-11-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**-Council Member Ken Houston made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business**

1. **Public Hearing-Wastewater Utility Rates & Charges-Ordinance 2020-08-2nd Reading**-City Attorney George Loy opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. and asked if there was any member of the public wishing to make a comment through Zoom, Facebook live, or phone. Council Member Ken Houston (liaison to the wastewater utility) stated this increase is connected to the City's Long Term Control Plan with IDEM where the City has an agreed order with IDEM to follow a plan to remove CSO's (combined sewer overflows) through 2029. The next planned project is LTCP 4. City Attorney George Loy also explained there has been thorough analysis of the financials by Baker Tilly. Council President Doug Pepple indicated the project ahead of us is an unfunded mandate. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the Wastewater rates which will into effect on March 1, 2021. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. The public hearing was concluded at 6:14 p.m.

2. **Public Hearing-2021 City of Monticello Budget-1<sup>st</sup> Reading-Ordinance 2020-15**-Mayor Cathy Gross opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. She stated there have been meetings with Council members and department heads to review and discuss the budget. There were no questions raised through Zoom, Facebook live, or by phone. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the budget as presented and move it to a second reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 6:17 p.m.
3. **Salary Ordinance 2020-12-An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials in 2021-1<sup>st</sup> Reading**-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-12 and move it to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
4. **Salary Ordinance 2020-13-Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers, Public Works and Utility Employees for 2021-1<sup>st</sup> Reading**-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-13 and move it to a second reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
5. **Salary Ordinance 2020-14-An Ordinance Establishing the Department of Public Safety-Fixing the Salaries of the Appointed Officers with the Police and Fire Departments for 2021**-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve ordinance 2020-14 and move it to a second reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and all other matters**-City Attorney George Loy indicated that the brick building located at the alley on Marion Street has been acquired by the County and will be torn down once a demolition permit has been received. Bill Cheever reported that the roof repairs on the old fire station will begin next week.

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello