

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was conducted using the Zoom virtual meeting format.

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

Minutes-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 19, 2021 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported the department was active over the weekend with snow removal efforts. He asked for the public's assistance by asking them to move cars off the main streets so that plowing the snow would be more effective.

Committee Reports-Council President Doug Pepple reported that there were committee meetings regarding ordinance review and enforcement as well as one involving the City's comprehensive plan.

Old Business-

- 1. Discussion on COVID Policy**-Mayor Gross reported that the Board of Works accepted the policy document during their special meeting at 5:30 pm. She asked if the Council had any questions or comments. Doug Pepple thanked Ken Houston for raising the question regarding removing elected officials from the COVID documents.

New Business

- 1. Cindy Beck-News & Review Directory**-Cindy reviewed the details of the directory and explained that in the past it was connected to the Chamber of Commerce. She said they want all businesses to be included along with government information and details about the lakes. The inside front cover is \$325.00. The City used this space in 2020. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve a \$325.00 inside front cover ad in the directory. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

2. **White County Economic Development-Thank you**-Mayor Gross reported to the Council that she had received a “thank you” letter from Randy Mitchell of White County Economic Development for the City’s cooperation and partnership over the years. Randy indicated that the organization appreciates being included in the many projects which the City is moving forward with. Ken Houston reminded everyone that “Monticello is in White County”. (There was laughter!)
3. **Discussion of the Additional Appropriations-Old Fire Station and Street Department Addition Projects**-Mayor Cathy Gross outlined the details of the additional appropriations request as follows: General Fund-\$450,000.00, CEDIT-\$240,000.00, and MVH-\$160,000.00. City Attorney George Loy indicated the public hearing would need to be advertised in both the Herald Journal and the News & Review. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann said the City is financially able to move forward and discussion were held during the Finance Committee meeting of November 10, 2020 and additionally during the Board of Finance meeting of January 19, 2021. Jim indicated that our financial advisor Baker Tilly is aware of our additional appropriations requests. There was a representative from Baker Tilly present via Zoom at the Finance Committee meeting. There was further discussion regarding the fact that the City is making a significant investment in the future growth and development of the community. Bill Cheever made a motion to grant permission to advertise the public hearing for the additional appropriations and set the hearing date for February 16, 2021. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-Mayor Gross thanked all of the departments for working together during the snow removal efforts.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello