

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JUNE 21, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross at 6:10 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was conducted in person and virtually using the Zoom virtual meeting format.

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

Mayor Gross, Councilors Ralph Widmer, Kim Kramer and Ralph Widmer were present and in person. Clerk Jim Mann and City Attorney George Loy were also present and in person. Councilors Bill Cheever and Ken Houston were present virtually.

Minutes-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 7, 2021 as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-None

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

- 1. Joint Resolution 2021-03-Electronic/Virtual Meetings**-Council member Ken Houston expressed his appreciation for all the hard work put forth by the Mayor, City Attorney and AIM on the resolution. But, he indicated he would not be able to support it because it did not go far enough with virtual voting. Council member Bill Cheever asked if the resolution mirrored the law recently passed by the state legislature. Mayor Gross and City Attorney George Loy said that it did. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay and Widmer-aye. Motion carried by a 4-1 vote.
- 2. Twin Lakes Solar Farms resolution 2021-Consent for Tax Abatement**-City Attorney George Loy outlined various details regarding the project. White County Government has approved the project and the Monticello Redevelopment Commission has designated the Solar Farms as a “taxpayer” which by law permits the tax increment to go into the tax increment financing fund. George also indicated the Council must consent or approve the tax abatement. Council member Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

- 1. White County Economic Development-Randy Mitchell-Memo for Financial Support-**
With “great pleasure” Ken Houston made a motion to approve a three year request for financial support (\$10,000.00 per year) for 2022, 2023, and 2024. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

- 2. Discussion of Deer Population-**Mayor Gross reported that she, Ralph Widmer, Doug Pepple, and DNR Officer Tony Carroll met to discuss the options available for the City. Ralph Widmer indicated that the Council has had discussions over the last 4-5 years on the deer population. He feels the best approach is to have a controlled hunt under the supervision of the DNR. There has been a lot of property damage because the deer eat vegetation and impact landscaping beds. Ralph said the Food Pantry will accept deer once it is processed. Mayor Gross said there are funding opportunities through a CHAP program. The DNR assigns a coordinator for the controlled hunt. The cost is approximately \$28.00 per acre for the coordinator. The hunt would be using a bow and arrow. Ken Houston asked about what would happen if a property owner has a dead deer on their property. Assistant Street Commissioner Dave Livesay indicated the DNR would need to be notified in the event this happens. Mayor Gross encouraged everyone to research this matter and talk to their constituents.

- 3. Accounts Payable Vouchers-**Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-abstain, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters- Bill Cheever encouraged our local businesses to get the applications turned in for the small business grants as soon as possible. Ken Houston reported he has met with the Water and Wastewater Supervisors to discuss their respective budgets. He feels they have done a good job putting their budgets together. Doug Pepple expressed his appreciation for the department heads work with their budgets and the Council liaisons for meeting with them to discuss the same.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello