

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY JULY 6, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross at 6:00 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. All members were present in person in the City Council Chambers at 225 N Main Street.

Minutes-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 21, 2021 as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Ken Houston (808 S Main Street) addressed the City Council on the matter of the South Main Street Waterline project and his concerns regarding the contractor not putting the construction area back into the condition it was prior to the start of the project. Mr. Houston would like a response in writing from the City based on the details of the letter he wrote to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Gross indicated there has been a concerted effort made by the City Engineer and Water Department to keep the neighbors informed of the project status. City Attorney George Loy said that the contractor should be provided a letter with written details on the what needs to be completed on the project. City Engineer Jason Miller is working on a status report for the S Main Street project.

Department Head Reports-Assistant Superintendent Bruce Wilson updated the Council on the Wastewater Collection System project. Bruce said that the department responded to power outages at a lift station and a portable generator was used for 5 hours. Superintendent Bob Lindley worked out a program with Ball Corporation to provide small quantities of rain barrels for citizens. Twenty rain barrels have been delivered to date. Bruce said he will be starting to take classes for class 3 certification Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter indicated the fourth weekend was active with domestic and alcohol issues. The department has three patrolman applicants and he will be working through the background checks over the next 2-3 weeks. Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported he has been discussing our workers compensation injuries with IPEP with the purpose of developing strategies to reduce claims. ADA Coordinator Katherine Tardiff reported the ADA Golf Outing will be on August 14th at Hollow Acres. She encouraged the City to form teams and include at least one team member that has a disability. Also, the latest 2 Executive Orders from Governor Holcomb are being translated into Spanish and will soon be on the City's website. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated that swim lessons may break all time records for the City pool this year. He encouraged the citizens of Monticello to report vandalism to the Police Department. Unfortunately, Mitch reported there has been new damage to Parks property and it causes additional repairs to be completed. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagen reported the department will be replacing a hydrant at Ball Corporation because a truck ran over it and damaged it beyond repair.

Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that mental health provider Dr. Kelly Dardeen met with all three shifts to make sure they were aware of the services she is able to provide. On July 8th there will be a meeting with the Crawfordville Fire Department and Homeland Security to discuss the Paramedicine Program which the State is now calling Mobile Integrated Health (MIH). Assistant Street Superintendent Dave Livesay reported they continue to pick up brush. Also, Central Paving will pave 3rd Street from Washington Street to Broadway on Thursday the 8th. There will be a pre-construction meeting for the S Main Sidewalk project on July 14th at 10:00 am.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

- 1. Saving Grace Harm Reduction-Carlie Garbison**-Carlie indicated that Saving Grace is an overdose lifeline partner from Marion County and is also a partner with the United Way and the United Council on Opioids. She would like to place a NaloxBox at the new City Hall and at the City Park. She presented a letter of recommendation from Mary Minier from the hospital. The NaloxBox includes 2 doses of NarCan which could save a person from a fatal overdose. She showed the Council a NaloxBox. Carlie said that she understood that there was an overdose at Dodge Camp which is why she felt a box at the Park would be effective. Chief Lingenfelter clarified that this incident was not confirmed as an overdose. There have been overdoses at parking lots, fast food drive throughs, and other areas within the City. There was much discussion regarding the location of these boxes around the City. There was also discussion about whether having the boxes available in specific locations will invite persons to do the drugs close to the box locations. Doug Pepple made a motion to take the matter under advisement and create a committee to study the matter for a report back to the Council. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Committee members are Ken Houston, Andy Harmon, Galen Logan, Bob Hickman, Jason Lingenfelter, and Mitch Billue.
- 2. Resolution 2021-05-Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment for Comprehensive Plan**-Emily Albaugh representing KIRPC opened the public hearing at 6:58 pm and reviewed the application for the local planning grant with the City. She also introduced Matt Maday and Alex Varney of American Structurepoint. Emily stated the grant is from OCRA and is in the amount of \$49,000.00 with the City's match to be \$4,900.00. Mayor Gross indicated that American Structurepoint was interviewed during the request for proposal process and scored the highest. Council President Doug Pepple stated that the current comprehensive plan was completed 12-13 years ago and that this is a great opportunity to update the plan. Emily Albaugh indicated that there is an online survey (at the City's website) regarding the comprehensive plan where the public can answer questions and provide input. She stated that 65 responses have been received since July 1st. Doug Pepple asked if "hard copies" of the survey are available. Emily said she would provide these to the City. Mayor Gross closed the hearing at 7:06 pm. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Cathy Gross reminded everyone about the Christmas in July Golf Outing scheduled for July 16, 2021. This is a fundraising effort for new Christmas lights. Ralph Widmer complimented the Fire Department on the great breakfast they served on July 3rd.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello