

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on September 7, 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 held at 120 W Washington Street and conducted in person and virtually using the Zoom virtual meeting format.

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

Minutes-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 16, 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 progress has been made on the W Washington Street Project with new sidewalks and curbs. He will be meeting with Hawk Enterprises to discuss the street lights. Frank said there was a meeting with White County Economic Development to discuss the streetlights at 6th and Hanawalt. The meeting went well and there was a positive vote to assist the City with the streetlights. Frank also reported about the new Federal guidelines on CDL licensing (Class A) which involves a 10 week course at a price of \$5,000-\$8,000. ADA Coordinator Katherine Tardiff reported on various “wrap up” items with the ADA Golf Outing. She has also translated the most recent Governor’s Executive Orders into Spanish. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagen indicated the dump truck has a new bed and plow. The department will be extending the water main at the Fire Department to the training center behind the building. He also stated the RCA project has started. Brad Haygood has started a 10 week course to become certified with his WT-3 license. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported that Officers Clark and Blake successfully met the training/recertification requirements for the canines. The new in car cameras have been delivered. There have been more and more server issues come up that are affecting the department. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported on the Collection Systems Project and thanked the public for their patience. He also asked the public to share their ideas on the rain barrel project. Bruce Wilson passed his level 3 test. Mayor Gross also received positive feedback from other Mayor’s after Bob Lindley and Adam Downey did a presentation at the IWEA Conference. The presentation was on “Successful Succession Planning”. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported on vandalism that occurred at Bluewater Beach. A sink was damaged and had to be replaced. Mitch indicated that there will be a “Hoots & Howls” program with Kim Hoover on 9-24-2021. Other programs will be offered on making pine cone wreaths, involving astrology, and making model rockets. Safety Compliance Officer Bob Hickman reported he should have any answer on the outcome of the application for the Homeland Security grant applied for in the amount of \$141,000.00 by the end of September. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated the department received a \$25,000.00 grant to move the dirt pile at the Fire Department. He said that on 9-25 there will be an advanced extracation class sponsored by Chalmers. He said that Captain Stephen Fisher will be retiring on 9-11-21.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

- 1. Street Department-Consideration of Transfer Ordinance**-Street Commissioner Frank Arthur shared information about the overtime spending during the winter. He said that over a six week period \$7,000.00 was spent from his overtime budget. In previous years approximately \$6,000.00 was spent for the entire year. Ken Houston made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2021-07 on first reading. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Ralph Widmer made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-07. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Elizabeth Spicka-Twin Lakes Cheerleaders-Permission for Bucket Shake**-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the bucket shake for the Twin Lakes Cheerleaders on 9-18-2021. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Ken Houston also asked about whether the Council would like to set a limit for the number of bucket shakes conducted on the City streets in a given year.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Gross passed on the unfortunate news regarding the passing of Veteran's Affairs Officer Dr. Tom Hildebrand. Ralph Widmer said the water levels are down. Kim Kramer thanked the police and fire departments for their ongoing efforts keeping us safe.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello