

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross at 6:19 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-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 7, 2021 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Dave Sare expressed concern about removing the dirt pile behind the fire station along 6th street. Mayor Gross explained that the pile of dirt was never to be there permanently.

Department Head Reports-None

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

- 1. White County Building & Planning-Rezone Petition 1141**-Joe Rogers addressed the Council on this rezone request from an R-3 to a B-5. Council member Ken Houston asked if the use of the facility is consistent with our comprehensive plan. Mayor Gross asserted that she believed it does. Mr. Eichenberger who resides at 509 Mize Court and is a neighbor to the 402 Tioga Road property in question spoke regarding his concerns (note the summary document). Mike Smolek who represents the Boys & Girls Club discussed the parking and traffic flow plan along with drainage concerns with the Council members. Libby Billue (President of the White County United Way) spoke about the great opportunity for the United Way to partner with the Boys & Girls Club, Bauer Family Resources, and other community members to make Lakeside Commons their new home and provide a new location for the Boys & Girls Club. Tristen Comegys (CEO of Bauer) outlined Bauer’s interest in this engagement with the United Way and the Boys & Girls Club. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve rezone petition 1141 as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

- 2. Public Hearing 2022 Budget-First Reading of Ordinance 2021-08-**Council Member Ken Houston asked questions about the 2022 Budget regarding Council line items social security, engineering, insurance, additional services, constitution plaza, and the Riverwalk project. Mayor Gross provided explanations for these line items. Questions were also raised by Councilor Houston on various aspects of budgets for the Clerk, Police, Fire, Street, and Parks. The questions were answered by each department head and/or by the Mayor. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-08 for first reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston, nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
- 3. First Reading Salary Ordinance 2021-09-Establishing the Salaries of Elected Officials for Calendar Year 2022-**Ken Houston asked whether the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer's salaries are increasing by 5% for 2022. Mayor Gross and Clerk Treasurer Mann both said yes. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-09 for first reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
- 4. First Reading of Salary ordinance 2021-10-Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers, Public Works and Utility Employees for Calendar Year 2022-**Ken Houston inquired about whether full time employees were to receive 5% increase for 2022. Mayor Gross indicated yes they will be received a 5% "cost of living" increase. Councilor Houston also asked whether the Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator are receiving are full time positions. Mayor Gross stated the ADA Coordinator is a part time position, but the Compliance Officer is a full-time position with benefits. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-10 for first reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
- 5. First Reading of Salary Ordinance 2021-11-Salaries of Public Safety Officers and Employees for Calendar Year 2022-**Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-11 for first reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
- 6. Police-Consideration of Ordinance 2021-12-Transfer of Funds-**Chief Jason Lingenfelter requested the transfer of \$36,500.00 from salary line item 101005114 to new equipment 101005441 in order to purchase body and squad car cameras. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass the ordinance on first reading. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Ken Houston made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-12 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

7. **Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters- None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello