

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

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on November 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 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, Ralph Widmer, Doug Pepple, Ken Houston and City Attorney George Loy. Councilor Kim Kramer was absent.

Minutes-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 18, 2021 with corrections as discussed under Old Business. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported he has received 21 applications for filling the open patrolman positions. Initial testing for the applicants will be on November 6th. Emergency vehicle training will be done this week at the airport. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that the dirt pile behind the station is being removed. The department will be assisting with the Coats for Kids Program on November 6th. There will be a Fire Chiefs meeting in Reynolds on the 9th. Chief Logan also reported that the Medicaid reimbursement from 2019 will be \$37,609.54. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur said that progress is being made on South Main with sidewalks on the East side. Also, some driveways will be poured on W Washington Street. Pavement Solution will not be able to complete their asphalt emulsion work in 2021. The price of road salt is less than last year. Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated that Christmas lighting displays will be put up at the park. Mitch received an estimate of \$5,310.72 from NIPSCO for an underground power line at the Nature Center. Mitch said there may be a grant opportunity through NIPSCO for this project. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagen reported that so far there have been no lead water lines found with the RCA Neighborhood Project. Since the last report there have been 66 locates. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported the US 24 bridge will be closed from November 1 through the 19th. Bob said the paving was underway along Bluewater and Beach Drives. The Ball Corporation re-lining project with Insituform will be underway soon. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell reported on her beginning days as coordinator. She said she is working on next year’s Disability Awareness Month. The ADA will be partnering with the Kiwanians Aktion Club who provides adults with disabilities an opportunity to be of service in the community. Safety Officer Bob Hickman outlined new procedures for handling workman’s compensation injuries. Bob also indicated he is seeking professional certification programs to aid him with his education.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. **Request for Bucket Shake-White County Vengeance MC-Donations for the Safe Haven Baby Box**-David Wood and Omar Ruiz representing the club presented background information to the Council on their bucket shake request. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the bucket shake request from White County Vengeance MC. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Ralph Widmer announced that he is resigning from the City Council effective 12-31-2021.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello