

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY JANUARY 4, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm 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.

*New Council member Dan Oldenkamp was sworn in by Mayor Cathy Gross.

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

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 20, 2021. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Houston-aye, Pepple-aye and Oldenkamp-abstain. Motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported there have been domestic and child custody issues, but that the officers have been able to spend time with their families over the holidays. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that interviews have been completed with candidates for open positions at the department and he plans to have a hiring list available for the next Board of Works meeting. These interviews also involve candidates for an open Captain position. IU White Memorial Hospital would like the City to sign an agreement and purchase medical supplies through them. George is reviewing the agreement. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the department will be picking up live Christmas trees without lights, ornaments, and stands. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue said that \$292.00 in donation have been received at the City Park for lighting. Mitch also reported he is working on a community gardening program. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported that Cleary Construction was able to start work with a 24” pipe installation in the alley from Harrison to Jefferson streets because NIPSCO completed their work on a gas line. Bob indicated that Bruce Wilson, Kevin Flaherty and Dave Fagan have all received class three certifications. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagen said that he has walked through the RCA project with the inspector and made a checklist of repairs. Blacktopping will be finished in the spring as weather permits. There have been 4 water main breaks. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell said she is working on Disability Awareness Month. On March 10th there will be a wheelchair basketball game including the Lafayette Spinners and City Departmental teams. Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported that on April 4-5 there will be “incident officer training” held at the MFD. He stated there will be additional training involving the Department of Homeland Security at the department.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. **Council Appointments (2) to the Redevelopment Commission**-Doug Pepple made a motion to appoint Dan Oldenkamp and Alyssa Adams to the Commission. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes except for Dan Oldenkamp who abstained, motion carried.
2. **Mayor Appointment to the Redevelopment Commission**-Mayor Gross indicated she would re-appoint Courtney Bradshaw to the Commission.
3. **Council Appointment to the NW Solid Waste District**-Doug Pepple made a motion to appoint Kim Kramer to the District Board. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Council Appointment to the Area Plan Commission**-Bill Cheever made a motion to appoint Doug Pepple to the Area Plan Commission. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Discussion of Council Liaison Responsibilities**-Doug Pepple made a motion to keep the liaison responsibilities the same for 2022 as they were in 2021 except that Dan Oldenkamp will be liaison with the Fire Department. Ken Houston stated that rotating the responsibilities with different departments brings more awareness/education to the councilors. Bill Cheever agreed with that line of thinking, but suggested to keep things the same for 2022. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Election of Council President**-Doug Pepple made a motion to appoint Bill Cheever as Council President for 2022. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes except Ken Houston who abstained, motion carried.
7. **Resolution 2021-11-Amendment for Police Department-Vendor Change**-Chief Lingenfelter reported that he will not be able to purchase the Dodge Durangos. He would like permission to switch vendors to Gutwein Motor Company and buy 2 Explorers which allows him to encumber the funds as he had planned. Dan Oldenkamp made a motion to approve the change to Resolution 2021-11. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
8. **First Readings for Ordinances Establishing New Funds**-Mayor Gross indicated she would like to have a fund set up since she will be hosting the Northern Indiana Mayor's Roundtable on June 24, 2022 and may be hosting the Indiana Conference of Mayors in 2023. All of the new funds (including the Safe Haven Baby Box and Mobile Integrated Healthcare) will be funded by donations and/or grants. City funds are not involved. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinances 2022-01, 2022-02, and 2022-03 on 1st readings. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Ken Houston made a motion to approve Ordinances 2022-01, -02, -03 on 1st reading. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello