

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 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.

**Roll Call:** Called by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered “present and in person” by Mayor Cathy Gross, 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 meeting of January 18, 2022 as presented. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions-**Mayor Gross requested that the Salary Amendment Ordinance 2022-04 be added as number 2 under “new business”. No objections noted.

**Citizen Participation-**None

**Department Head Reports-**Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported on the January 23 snow event where the department spent 70 hours plowing. For the February 2<sup>nd</sup> event and the days after the department has logged 240 hours and there is still more to do. He said that this year’s spring clean up will be more expensive than in 2021, but he is working out the final details. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported there was a second walk through on the RCA Project with a few open items on the punch list yet to be completed. Brad Haygood will be taking his state exam for water operator on February 17, 2022. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley indicated the Wastewater Collection Systems project is nearing completion. A substantial completion date will be set soon. Bob also said the Ball Corporation Project has been completed and retainage request made by Insituform and approved at the 2-7-2022 Board of Works meeting. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported there were 45 ambulance runs made from February 2-6 during the snow emergency. There will be a dedication of the Safe Haven Baby Box on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Captain Shane Swaim applied for the Safer Grant. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported the new officer interviews for February 8<sup>th</sup> were postponed due to the weather. Parks Department Supervisor Mitch Billue thanked the Street Department for their help during the snow emergency. He said he was beginning to review applications for summer help. Mitch also stated he purchased chlorine for the pool ahead of normal purchase timing in order to save on the rising costs. Safety Officer Bob Hickman offered a brief report on the status of COVID-19 and thanked everyone for their indulgences during his illness and other family matters. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell provided details on upcoming events associated with Disability Awareness Month in March. There were 202 art pictures submitted for the March art contest.

**Committee Reports-**None

**Old Business-**None

### **New Business-**

1. **White County Economic Development-Thank You Letter**-Mayor Gross wanted to acknowledge the continuing efforts of White County Economic Development and bring attention to the very positive “thank you” letter submitted by Randy Mitchell. No action was required.
2. **Salary Ordinance Amendment-Position of Community Paramedic**-City Attorney George Loy outlined the actions recently taken by the Council in the creation of a new fund where donations and grants for mobile integrated healthcare would be banked. The salary for a community paramedic would be paid from the fund. Council member Ken Houston asked why the new position requires amending the salary ordinance and not be a separate ordinance since the funds to be used are coming from grants and donations. Mayor Gross stated that the Council is the fiscal body and must approve any new position created and the funds to support its salary. George also added that the new paramedicine position is subject to the provisions of the current ordinance with its matrix. It also has a provision that in Section 3 the community paramedic may return to the position he or she previously held. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2022-04 on first reading. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay, and Oldenkamp-aye. There must be a unanimous vote to suspend the rules, so the motion failed. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-04 on first reading and move it to a second reading. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-None

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello