

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MARCH 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on March 21, 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.

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

Minutes: Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 22, 2022 as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes except with Kim Kramer who abstained, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Gross requested that Outsourcing of Payroll be deleted from the agenda.

Citizen Participation-None

Proclamation-Mayor Gross read a proclamation highlighting Disability Awareness Month for the month of March.

Department Head Reports-ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell outlined the many activities planned for Disability Awareness Month. Safety Compliance Officer Bob Hickman reported that IPEP sponsored a zoom workshop on “trenching” and what steps need to be taken to keep everyone safe. He also reported that a transformer was knocked down due to an accident. The problem with this is that there are PCB’s released in the soil and the City was not notified. He and Mayor Gross are reaching out to NIPSCO to discuss the matter. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated he will be taking an examination to become a certified playground inspector in the near future. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported that one of the patrolman candidates has passed the polygraph test and will be taking the mental and physical assessment tests. A second candidate will be scheduled for a polygraph soon. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the White County Prosecutor’s Office donated 150 ten-year smoke detectors to the department. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley indicated there are 41 punch list items with Cleary Construction on the collection systems project. He will be working with them to remedy these items. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported he is working on a maintenance agreement for the Water Plant’s generator. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that the department is repairing potholes. Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 23rd on the East side of Main Street and April 30th for the West side of Main Street.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-

1. **Outsourcing of Payroll-Deleted**

New Business-

1. **Knights of Columbus-Tootsie Roll Drive-Bucket Shake**-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the request for the dates of June 3rd from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and on June 4th from 8:00 am to noon. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Vengeance MC Club Bucket Shake**-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the request for July 23rd from noon to 4 pm. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **Spirit Festival-Darin Griesey**-Dan Oldenkamp made a motion to approve the Spirit Festival on June 17 and 18, 2022. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Parks Department-Permission for Prescribed Burn-Altherr Nature Park**—Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the prescribed burn as presented by Mitch Billue. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Parks Department-Permission to Apply for Community Foundation Grant**-Doug Pepple made a motion to grant permission for the Parks Department to apply for the Community Foundation Grant. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Street Department-Permission to Use Trash & Garbage Funds**-Street Commissioner Frank Arthur discussed the history of the department’s use of the trash fee funds. He also requested the use of \$41,065.50 from the trash and garbage fund to help pay one half of the expense of a front-end loader. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the request. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Council members offered congratulations to Mayor Gross for her “State of the City” address.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello