

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY APRIL 4, 2022**

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

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: Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 21, 2022 as presented. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Mayor Gross announced that the department head reports will be limited to three minutes. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported there is a delay in addressing all the punch list items by Cleary Construction for the Collection Systems Project. This is due to the weather. Bob said there are new items which have been added to the punch list such as a failure in the blacktop on S Beach Drive, Gillum property matter, and a light pole issue. Safety Compliance Officer Bob Hickman recommended that an extra computer be made available as a “loaner” in the event that one of our employees experiences computer failure. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that the department is involved in a fire safety course on April 4th and 5th. Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated they are doing lots of maintenance. The City Pool will be opening on May 28th. Street Superintendent Frank Arthur reported that the stoplight at 6th Street and Rickey Road is now back in operation as well as a flashing light at the point (N Main and Illinois). E & B Construction has been pouring sidewalks along S Main Street. Frank stated there is a meeting planned with E & B on the W Washington Street Project for April 6th. He also plans on meeting with Rieth Riley regarding the N Main Community Crossings Project and when it will begin. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan indicated that he has met with the contractors for the RCA Neighborhood project and addressed the punch list items regarding the paving. Merrill Brothers also pumped out the backwash holding tanks as is done annually. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell reported that Art Awards Night went very well with 125-150 in attendance. She said the high school students that attended the Dementia Tour were very impacted. She asked everyone to get their teams together for the ADA Golf Outing scheduled for August 20th. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported that Officer Trevor Cox has passed the Field Training Officer School. He also indicated that the department is making a list of properties which will be tagged for “clean up”.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. **Esther Hardy-Happy Tails Bucket Shake**-Richard Surrey was present representing Happy Tails since Esther Hardy could not attend. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the bucket shake from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on May 21, 2022. Dan Oldenkamp seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Street Department-Request Use of Trash Fee Funds for Alley Repairs**-Street Commissioner Frank Arthur outlined his proposal for repairing the alleys. He stated that the chip and seal option would cost the City between \$80,000.00 and \$100,000.00 per year. He suggested one year the East side of the City be done and then the West side during the second year. Bill Cheever brought up the idea that alley maintenance should be planned every 10 years. Mayor Gross agreed and indicated doing so would allow the trash fee fund to build its balances back up over time. Frank also brought up the possibility of paving some alleys in order to test how much longer paved surfaces will last versus chip and seal. Ken Houston mentioned the need to use these funds to purchase trucks and other equipment as has been done in the past. Dan Oldenkamp made a motion to approve the request to use \$200,000.00 over the next 2 years for alley repairs. 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 6:38 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello