

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on August 1, 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, Kim Kramer, Bill Cheever, Doug Pepple, and City Attorney George Loy. Ken Houston was present virtually. Dan Oldenkamp was absent.

Minutes: Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 18, 2022 as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Oath of Office-Mayor Gross read and provided the Oath of Office to Courtney Dyer.

Department Head Reports- Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported that he has re-written a NIPSCO grant at their request and looks forward to a successful outcome. Bob also stated that he is raising money for a new rescue boat. Cost of the boat is \$39,000 and so far \$27,000 has been committed. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated there was a record set for swim lessons at 260. He has sent out RFQ’s for the Park Master Plan update. He hopes to receive responses by September 13th. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported an investigation has been completed on the S Beach Drive sink hole issues. Cleary Construction has determined there is a compaction issue. Cleary has made repairs. Bob said the work with Cleary is under warranty. Bob also reported that Street Commissioner Frank Arthur has determined a solution to a natural spring problem at the corner of Fairwood and Beach. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported a tap has been installed to the new building (will be the new license branch) on 6th Street. He also said the number of locates is much less than last year. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell reported the grant has been completed for the ”geogrid” project at the Rotary Cove access site. She said she hopes to receive positive news from the Community Foundation. Diane also said she was working on sponsors and team sign ups for the golf outing. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that the microsurface and chip/ seal projects have been completed. Work has started on repaving the parking lot behind the Flagstar Bank. Also, good news on road salt with the price being the same for 2023. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the department has conducted 14 interviews for new Firefighter/EMT positions as a result of the recent Monon expansion. Eight of the 14 have expressed interest. He stated that a meeting was held on July 20th with representatives of Town of Monon to discuss a fire-fighting agreement. Former Chief Vernon “Pinky” Luse has passed away with the funeral set for August 6, 2022. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported that new officer Mark McKean has completed his shift training. Matt Powell will be sworn in as a new officer on August 8th.

Committee Reports-None

Public Hearing-Addition Appropriation-Resolution 2022-08-City Attorney George Loy opened the public hearing at 6:37 pm. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur explained his request for additional funds in the diesel and gas line items. Price increases have caused a shortfall with budgeted funds. City Attorney George Loy closed the hearing at 6:39 pm. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 which would add \$20,000 to diesel and \$4,000 to gasoline. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-abstain. Motion carried.

Old Business-

1. Police Department-2nd Reading of Transfer Ordinance 2022-10-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10 on second reading. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-abstain. Motion carried.

New Business

1. **Brandi Page-SOMA-Request for Funds**-Brandi informed the Council that the Christmas in July Golf Outing raised \$10,950.50 to help the City with Christmas lighting expenses. Brandi requested the Council provide \$10,000.00 to SOMA for the next three years (2023, 2024, and 2025). Bill Cheever requested the matter be tabled until all Council members can be present. Bill Cheever made a motion to table the matter until a future meeting. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Discussion of Deer Population Within the City Limits**-Bill Cheever indicated he would work with the Council to determine how they would like to proceed on this matter.
3. **Discussion of Pay Classification Ordinance**-No action taken at this time.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello