

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on February 6, 2023 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, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered “present and in person” by Mayor Cathy Gross, Councilors Bill Cheever, David Roth, Ken Houston, Kim Kramer, and City Attorney George Loy.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 17, 2023. David Roth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Aaron Sims spoke about the prospective expansion of the Recycle Center on 6th Street. He stated he had heard concerns from citizens regarding whether the expansion would be a welcoming visual for the businesses and our community. Mayor Gross indicated that the project is a County Project and questions regarding it should be directed to them. City Attorney George Loy indicated there are preliminary plans for the project. Councilor David Roth added that he understands the new development would extend from the current entrance off 6th Street to the North towards the jail location and include a warehouse.

Department Head Reports-Parks Department Supervisor Mitch Billue reported there will be a grand opening for the Nature Center on April 28th at 5:00 pm. There will also be activities planned for April 29th beginning at 10:00 am through 1:00 pm. Mitch said he has talked with County Surveyor Brad Ward and contractor Jon Lilly regarding cleaning out the debris at the lower end of the park. This will be done during the summer. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell provided a report of all of activities being planned with Disability Awareness Month in March. Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported on his work to complete a Confined Space Entry Procedure. He asked that it be reviewed prior to the BOW meeting and be placed on the agenda for 2-21-2023. Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz reported training has continued for the new officers. Edgar Estudillo is on a waiting list to attend the Academy in May. Walker Donley will be attending the May class. There was an active shooter training held at Twin Lakes which was led by the Assistant Chief of the IU Police Department. It was received well and provided insight to the school staff. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that the department received hospice training on January 25, 26, and 27. Chief Logan suggested that he and Nick Green attended Public Safety Day at the Statehouse. There were also various discussions with State Officials about the Mobile Integrated Health Program led by Nick and Courtney Roach. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported there were 170 hours of man hours with the last snow event. The new leaf vac truck has been delivered. Frank said he made a proposal to INDOT for an HSIP grant and should get feedback soon. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported on warranty work performed by Accudig on behalf of Cleary Construction. Since the work was not done properly Cleary will have to make repairs. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported on the RCA Phase 2 project.

Committee Reports-Bill Cheever reported on a working group meeting involving needed maintenance with the City Hall building. Funds were identified to be used from the Council budget.

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. **Indiana Bond Bank-Brian Carmen**-Brian made a presentation on the various programs that the Bond Bank has to offer. These involve an Equipment Lease Purchase program, Community Funding Resource program, Advance Funding Program, and partnership projects with the USDA for infrastructure development.
2. **Hoosier Media Group**-Welcome Magazine and Information Guide-**LeAnne Breeden**-LeAnne indicated she will offer 2 full page ads with the two publications for \$500.00. The cost will be split 3 ways with the Council, Clerk and Mayors' budgets. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the advertisements. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **Consideration of Amended & Restated Bond Ordinance Regarding the RCA Neighborhood Water Improvement Project**-Deen Rogers outlined the funding for the RCA Phase 2 project which includes a \$2,050,000.00 grant from the SRF, paying off of the original Bond Anticipation Notes from May of 2021, and providing loan financing from SRF to pay for the project. Deen did indicate the City has the necessary funds to move forward with the RCA project. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03 on 1st reading and pass it onto a second reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Gross announced that she has been asked by Governor Holcomb to serve on the Public Safety Commission. Congratulations!

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello