

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on January 3, 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.

*New Council member David Roth was sworn in by Mayor Cathy Gross.

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, Doug Pepple and City Attorney George Loy.

Minutes-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 19, 2022. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Mayor Gross performed swearing in ceremonies for Edgar Estudillo as a new patrolman and Nick Beever as a part time patrolman.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that the flooring in the Nature Center has been completed. He is planning a grand opening of the center on April 28th. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that the department was out on snow removal for an additional 73 hours over the 5 day holiday period. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan indicated there was a water main break close to Ball Corporation on January 1. He also said that Peerless Equipment will be providing quotes for needed repairs at the plant. Wastewater Supervisor Bob Lindley reported that at 722 Bluewater Cleary Construction connected the wrong lateral and AccuDig has been hired by Cleary to fix the problem (they are waiting on parts). Bob also said that with the help of Commonwealth they have created a list of repairs for Cleary related to the Collection Systems Improvement Project. Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz reported that he traveled on 12-14 to Valparaiso along with the Mayor, Chief Logan, Assistant Chief Green, and Nick Green to learn about the Social Worker program. Pre-basic training begins for Edgar Estudillo on January 16th. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that he met at the Water Building to review all the old records for the department. Most of their records are destroyable. All the new personnel for the Monon expansion will begin working on January 9th. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell reported she has completed 56 ½ hours of training. Safety Officer Bob Hickman indicated he participated with Board of Works member Andy Harmon and Council member Dan Oldenkamp in a review of handbook changes. The meeting went well. Bob also said he was working on safety plans that would need to be reviewed by the BOW and the Council.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. **Council Appointments (2) to the Redevelopment Commission**-Bill Cheever made a motion to appoint Dan Oldenkamp and Holly Moore to the Commission for 2023. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Houston-nay and Roth-aye. Motion carried.
2. **Mayor Appointment to the Redevelopment Commission**-Mayor Gross indicated she has re-appointed Courtney Bradshaw to the Commission.
3. **Council Appointment to the NW Solid Waste District**-Bill Cheever made a motion to appoint Kim Kramer to the District Board. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Council Appointment to the Area Plan Commission**-Ken Houston made a motion to appoint Doug Pepple to the Area Plan Commission. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Discussion of Council Liaison Responsibilities**-Bill Cheever outlined the appointments for 2023 as follows: Fire Department-Bill Cheever, Streets-Ken Houston, Police-Kim Kramer, Parks-Doug Pepple, and Utilities-David Roth. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Election of Council President**-Doug Pepple made a motion to appoint Bill Cheever as Council President for 2023. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes except Ken Houston who abstained, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello