

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on January 17, 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, Doug Pepple and City Attorney George Loy.

Minutes-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 3, 2023. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-None

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. **Certificate of Appreciation-Monon Expansion Project**-Mayor Gross expressed gratitude and provided certificates of appreciation to business owners, firefighters/paramedics, elected and appointed officials for their efforts in making the fire and ambulance service in Monon a reality.
2. **Certificate of Appreciation-Donors to Fire Department Rescue Boat**-Mayor Gross expressed gratitude and provided certificates of appreciation to members of the Lake Shafer Welfare Association for raising funds so the MFD could purchase a new rescue water craft.
3. **Consideration of the White County Fact Book**-Ken Houston made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$500.00 in order to split a full page color ad with the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer in the 2023 Fact Book published through the Herald Journal. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **White County Building & Planning Rezone Petition 1157**-Director Joe Rogers outlined the details of petition 1157. It involves a rezoning from B-2 to R-3 with property at 504 Northwestern Avenue. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the rezone request as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Joe Rogers also presented the details regarding rezone petition 1160 with the property located at 302 W Washington Street. Requested rezone is from B-2 to R-3. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the request. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Director Joe Rogers also presented a situation where the APC could initiate a rezone petition on behalf of the City if the Council directs this to happen either by resolution or by being approved and read into the minutes. This would involve 3 properties to the East and North along W. Washington Street where B-1 and B-2 zoning exists. The APC would notify the affected property owners of the advantages and disadvantages of the rezone to R-3. The APC would report back to the Council on this with the property owners' feedback. Should it be negative the Council could either re-affirm the request or stop the rezone process. Doug Pepple made a motion to have the APC initiate the rezoning process for the 3 properties in question. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

5. **Discussion of January 2023 Utility Billing**-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann updated the Council on the matter of the water bills being delayed to our City patrons as a result of the mail service.
6. **Discussion of Ambulance Purchase-MFD**-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve using \$150,000 of ARPA funds towards the purchase of the ambulance. The Fire Department would also use \$30,000.00 of township funds to reach the total amount of funding required of \$180,000.00. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes except Ken Houston who abstained, motion carried.
7. **Discussion of ARPA Funds**-No action taken.
8. **Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. 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 6:57 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello