

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY APRIL 3, 2023**

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

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered “present and in person” by Mayor Cathy Gross, Councilors Bill Cheever, Doug Pepple, Kim Kramer, David Roth, Ken Houston and City Attorney George Loy.

**Minutes**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-20-2023. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Head Reports**-Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported that there will be a preconstruction meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the RCA Project 2. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported that Cleary Construction had been using Accu-dig as a subcontractor for repairing structure 303 for the Collection Systems project. Accu-dig ran short of grout on the repairs. Bob Neal completed 6 months of training and received a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that the parking lot at the Nature Center has been approved by White County Building & Planning. Thanks to the Street Department for their help. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the department has been cleaning brush and limbs from recent storms. Spring Clean Up is coming soon and the City will be picking up electronics in a collaboration with the Northwest Solid Waste District. Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz announced that Walker Donnelly and Edgar Estudillo will be attending the police academy on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the same time. Jeremy indicated that the bids came back high on the renovation of police station and the committee is rethinking how to approach the project. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that the new rescue boat and ambulance are now in service. Dylan Merry passed his national registry test for fire-fighting. Safety Officer Bob Hickman indicated he is working on an OSHA document regarding respiratory protection. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell reported that Awards night was amazing and overwhelming with turnout. There were 396 people registered.

**Committee Reports**-Council member Ken Houston reported on the Stormwater Utility and that a final draft will be reviewed in early May. Also, the Building Committee met and were disappointed about the figures for renovation of the Police Department.

**Old Business**-None

**New Business**-

- 1. Wastewater-Permission to Apply for SRF Funding-City Park Lift Station Project-** Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley outlined that the City Park Lift Station is old and dates back to the 1970's. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the application for SRF Funding. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

2. **Permission to Apply for the OCRA Covid 19 Response Grant**-Mayor Gross indicated the funds available come from unspent funds at the State level. Council President Bill Cheever said that since there are funds available and we have been successful in the past with two rounds of small business funding it would appropriate to apply for the funds. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the application for Covid Funds to aid small businesses. David Roth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-None

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello