

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY APRIL 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on April 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, Doug Pepple, David Roth, Ken Houston and City Attorney George Loy.

**Minutes**-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of 4-3-2023. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-Phil Vogel addressed the Council regarding a Kiwanis project through which plastic bottle caps are collected for delivery to a facility in Evansville and recycled for use in making outdoor benches and tables. He indicated that this could help the Parks Department with new outdoor furniture at a reasonable cost. He said the hospital has 4 benches located on their property.

Also, Bill Anderson from 206 Oak Drive requested consideration for a “No Lake Access” sign to be erected due to visitors driving into the neighborhood seeking direct access to the lake. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Department Head Reports**-Mitch Billue indicated there will be a ribbon cutting on 4-28 at 5 pm for the Altherr Nature Park. Also, Rick Read will be conducting a bird walk on 4-29 from 8-10 am. The City Pool will be opening on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports**-None

**Old Business**-None

**New Business**-

- 1. Nathan Baker-5K Benefitting the Veterans of White County-Tabled**
- 2. White County Building & Planning-Rezone Petition 1164**-Director Joe Rogers outlined the details of the petition and the future steps the Council is able to take. Jenilynne Hall also presented the request for rezoning from B1 Business to R2 Residential. It was voted on at the 4-10-2023 APC meeting with 9 in favor and 0 against. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the petition as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

3. **Consideration of Employee Handbook Revisions**-Mayor Gross indicated this agenda item is meant to allow Council input prior to being placed on the May Board of Works agenda. Bill Cheever requested more discussion be allowed for the language on page 31 of the handbook under section 510. Also, language needs to be added under page 47 under harassment regarding bullying. Ken Houston requested further discussion be held regarding the personal appearance section on page 50.
4. **Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-None

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello