

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

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

Minutes-Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the minutes of 2-21-2023. Ken Houston seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Houston-aye, Cheever-aye, Kramer-abstain, Roth-abstain and Pepple-aye. Motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Gross requested that the Oath of Office for Phillip Foerg be moved up in the agenda prior to the Department Head reports. No objections noted.

Oath of Office-Mayor Gross conducted the oath of office with new Police Officer Phillip Foerg.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Assistant Street Commissioner David Livesay reported that spring clean up will be on 4-22-23 for the East side of Main Street and 4-29-23 on the West side of Main Street. He said that a yes or no on the HSIP Grant would be coming soon. This would provide battery back-ups on 7 street lights in Monticello. The new Leaf Vac will be repaired under warranty and back in service on March 8th. Assistant Wastewater Superintendent Bruce Wilson indicated that Cleary Construction will be back to repair a leak in structure 303. He said there is an infiltration problem with a pump at Bryan’s lift station with repairs to begin as soon as possible. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue reported the department is cleaning up the greenhouse area. Mitch thanked the Street Department for removing a large tree and assisting with the installation of new security lights. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported the department has been making maintenance repairs at the plant. “Locates” are picking up as well. And, the bond financing for the RCA project 2 will close on the 30th of March. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell indicated 256 pictures for the art show have been taken and put up at the Library. Diane thanked the News & Review and the Herald Journal for their coverage of Disability Awareness Month. Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz reported that Assistant Chief Morehead attended a DEA Conference from February 14-16. New vests have been ordered and will be at least 8 weeks until delivery. Safety Compliance Officer Bob Hickman reported that all OSHA 300 records have been posted in each City Department. Bob also indicated that Emergency Management has 2 ATV’s which will be available for Monticello to use during festivals. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that the Zoll monitors have been delivered and are now in service. He said that Medical Director Dr. Mark Estes is retiring after 12 years working with the MFD. Galen reported that there were 263 runs in February, 211 were EMS, and 52 were fire.

Committee Reports-Council member Ken Houston reported that the Stormwater Committee has been meeting with Burke Engineering. No decisions have been made yet. Ken also said a committee has been meeting on Utility Adjustment with the goal being to find a way to reduce or eliminate the number of the adjustments the City currently allows. No decisions have been made yet. Ken also stated there is a feasibility study underway to determine how we can use the 2nd level of City Hall.

Old Business-None

New Business-

1. **Police-Oath of Office-Phillip Foerg**-This item was moved up in the meeting agenda.
2. **Nick Green-Update on the MIH Grant, Request Approval for a New Grant, and Discuss a Pay Increase for Courtney Dyer**-Nick reported that over the first 60 days he has made 71 house visits. The referrals have been coming from IU White Memorial. Nick stated that he has applied for a grant through the State Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$307,910.00. He should hear on the success on the application in May. He plans on applying for another grant dealing with mental health which is to be turned in soon. Nick asked the Council for approval on a \$3.00/hour increase with Courtney Dyer. City Attorney George Loy requested time to review the City's ordinances and agreements to determine how to approach this request.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Gross indicated that the State's bid for the roundabout construction on S Main Street (US 421) will be this month.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello