

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MAY 1, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on May 1, 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 4-17-2023. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Gross requested the addition of Tuesday Night Cruisers as item 6 under New Business. No objections noted.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that Eli Darling passed his Paramedic National Registry testing. The department’s preliminary budget has been turned in to Mayor Gross. Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz indicated three new vehicles are now in service after the final equipment installs have been completed with vendor Move Over Outfitters from Lafayette. Jeremy said that he attended week long training for Police Chief’s at the academy. The department has also completed some minor remodeling and expanded into the old Mayor’s office area. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that 14 containers were loaded from East side of the City during spring clean up and 18 containers were filled up from the West side of the City. Frank said that the department has been invited (and accepted) an invitation to attend a training class for Work Zone Safety. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported the mobilization date for RCA Phase 2 Project is projected to be June 30. There are filter repairs at the plant underway. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported that Commonwealth Engineers attended the April 19 Department Heads meeting for a discussion of the South Beach Drive sink hole problem which is under warranty with Cleary Construction. He is also working on the 2023 biosolids application process. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue thanked everyone who attended the ribbon cutting for the nature center. He indicated pavilion rentals for the summer are going well. The City Pool will be opened on May 27th. Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported that he has had a detailed conversation with Lisa Mohler of IPEP regarding Work Comp policies and procedures. Bob has turned in a first draft policy on this matter. Lisa Mohler also requested we develop a policy on physical fitness training which is job specific. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell is on vacation.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-

1. **Nathan Baker-5K Benefitting the Veterans of White County**-Nathan explained the event will be like last year's "Hard Charger 5K" which was put together in 2022 by Officer Tyler Cosgray. Discussion was held regarding the route of the run. David Roth made a motion to approve the 5K as presented. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business-

1. **Adkev-Statement of Benefits**-Bonnie Cothran and Jeremy Kyser representing Adkev presented the employment information for the manufacturing facility. 160 jobs were forecasted but the actual job count was 194. There was also equipment investment at the Monticello facility. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the SB-1 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes except Bill Cheever who abstained. Motion carried.
2. **Fire Department-Discussion of Paramedic Training Center**-Firefighter/Paramedic Chad Walther presented background information regarding the possibility of Monticello becoming a Training Center for Paramedics. (document provided by MFD in advance). Chad indicated there were many approvals to work out, but they are on the right track. There is a prospective savings based upon the current expenses for training. A local training center would enhance recruitment opportunities for Monticello. It was decided to move the matter forward so that attorney George Loy could create a resolution for this program.
3. **Discussion of Utility Adjustments Procedure**-Mayor Gross reported the matter was placed on the agenda for questions and feedback. Council Member Ken Houston asked about paragraphs 2 and 3 on the water leak adjustment rules regarding the 60 day period listed and the 30 day notification period. Also, the question of when we actually know of a leak was discussed. It was agreed to have another meeting of the committee to work through the feedback/changes as discussed.

4. **Resolution for Bucket Shakes**-City Attorney George Loy stressed the need for a written policy on the bucket shakes due to safety concerns. There was discussion regarding the not for profit status as defined through the Internal Revenue Service. Bill Cheever made a motion to table the Resolution pending the IRS clarifications. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Water-Permission to Apply for a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant**-Doug Pepple made a motion to grant permission to apply for the water department to apply for the grant as presented. David Roth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Tuesday Night Cruisers-Ken Prieboy**-Ken requested permission to hold the “cruise in” beginning on May 9, 2023 through October 31, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 pm on Illinois Street from Washington to Broadway Streets. David Roth made a motion to approve the Tuesday Night Cruise In as presented. Ken Houston seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello