MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JULY 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on July 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: Called by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered "present and in person" by Mayor Cathy Gross, Bill Cheever, Doug Pepple, Ken Houston, Kim Kramer and City Attorney George Loy.
Minutes: Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of July 3 2023. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
Additions & Deletions-None
Citizen Participation-None
Department Head Reports-Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz reported that all went well with the Spirit Festival. The White County Prosecutor's Office held a meeting to go over the newest legislation taking effect which will impact law enforcement. In June there were 234 traffic stops, 20 criminal arrests, 17 accident reports, and 745 total calls. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated the department is partnering with the library to establish a reading club. He encouraged the public to fill out the survey pertaining to the 5 year master plan for the City Parks. Additionally, the scoreboards will be replaced at Voigt Park. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagen reported that the RCA Project Phase 2 start date will be delayed until August 1. They will have to be making repairs to part of the aerator system at the plant. Safety Officer Bob Hickman reported that the bloodborne pathogen program has hit a "snag". He said that different hospitals have varying policies on how to treat injury concerns on this matter. Legal matters will have to be considered as well. Assistant Street Commissioner Dave Livesay reported that the concrete sidewalk has been completed over Buss Ditch. Work will also begin on the 3rd and Jefferson intersection towards the end of August. He said that the department is grinding down areas where uneven sidewalks exist in an effort to reduce trip hazards. Assistant Chief Green reported that the new rescue boat has been picked up. The department held "situational" training on June 21. Three interviews were held for the Office Manager position as Crystal Bedilion will be retiring in September. Assistant Superintendent Bruce Wilson reported that paving will be completed on S Beach and Bluewater in August. Bob Neal has cleaned 8,330 feet of sewer lines. Connor Welsh will be starting an apprenticeship where funding for his salary will be through Alliance Water and funded via the IFA.
Committee Reports-Ken Houston outlined the basic details of the recent working group discussion regarding the recommendation of the Clerk to move forward with a new CD which would be invested for 2 years. Also, there was discussion and consensus by the group regarding a path forward financially for the funding of the City Park Lift Station project.

Old Business-None

New Business

1. **Safety Officer Bob Hickman-Permission to Apply for NIPSCO Grant-**Bob discussed the purpose of the grant program offered by NIPSCO and that it would be for public safety education and training. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve making an application. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

2. **Introduction of Purchasing Policy Ordinance 2023-08-**City Attorney George Loy reported that this policy would update the current policy with changes permitted by statute. This policy will deal with purchases of supplies. There is a provision whereby the City could make a purchase without going through the typical quotes/bidding procedure. The new policy would change the dollar range where the quotes/bids would be pursued.

   Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello