

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY AUGUST 7, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on August 7, 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, David Roth and City Attorney George Loy.

**Minutes:** Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes except David Roth abstained, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-Mayor Gross requested Nick Green be permitted to provide an update on the status of mobile integrated health. No objections noted.

**Citizen Participation**-None

MIH Director Nick Green provided an update for the Council. A grant has been awarded in the amount of \$330,00.00 for the expansion of Mental Health Services in the area. The funds would pay for a new specialist, vehicle, and expenses. Good News!

**Department Head Reports**-Wastewater Supervisor Bob Lindley reported that various matters regarding repairs on the Collection Systems Project involving Cleary Construction are still under discussion/action with Commonwealth Engineers. IDEM’s required toxicity testing passed for another year. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting event for the RCA Project Phase 2 will be on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. He also reported that since the last Council meeting there has been 77 “locates”. Parks Supervisor Mitch Billue reported that a Workshop to gain feedback regarding the department’s 5 year master plan was held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to all that attended! Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that Mathew Milling Company has started preparing the alleys for “chip and seal” and Central Paving will be beginning that on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Frank also expects Central will be in the City to pave some streets in late August. Frank also said that applications for 2 projects with the Community Crossings Program were submitted to INDOT. Total dollars applied for is \$1,431,199.00 with the City potentially receiving \$1,000,000.00. Safety Officer Bob Hickman presented the final version of the Workplace Injury Policy Book. ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell gave an update on the ADA Fundraising Event which involves bowling and cornhole at Best’s Bowling Center. Police Chief Jeremy Kyburz reported that the grant with the Partner’s for a Drug Free White County was awarded in the amount of \$3,700.00. This is for new cameras. Fire Commissioner Galen Logan reported that he attended a meeting with school officials regrading the Meadowlawn expansion project. He also announced the retirement of long-time volunteer firefighter Brad Moore.

**Committee Reports**-None

## Old Business-None

## New Business

1. **Grant Presentation-Mayor's Advisory Council to the Parks Dept-Diane Bunnell** explained that \$5,000.00 was provided by Rotary to the ADA and \$1,500.00 was made available from the Mayor's Advisory Board. Parks Department Supervisor Mitch Billue thanks the Rotary and the ADA for their partnerships. The funds will be used for Rotary Cove development by installing geo grid surfaces for wheel chair access.
2. **Public Hearing-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall Feasibility Study Planning Grant-Representing KIRPC, Emily Albaugh** explained that KIRPC is the grant administrator for the OCRA grant which will support the City Hall Feasibility Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. A Public Hearing is required for the grant. The application is due on 8-18-2023. The hearing was opened at 6:39 pm and Council member Ken Houston spoke in favor of coming up with ideas on the possible uses of the 2nd story area. He outlined how the building has been renovated successfully and continuing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> story would be a great opportunity for the future. Mayor Gross closed the hearing at 6:44 pm. Ken Houston made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 which authorizes moving forward with the grant application and provision of a local match of \$2,500.00. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **White County Building & Planning- Rezone Petition 1175-Director Jennilyn Kyburz** explained that the petition was heard by the Hearing Examiner. Property location is 710 Fisher and the request is to rezone from I-1 to a B-2 classification. Rodney Clark with Nexus Health Connect spoke on the plans for the building which will be a medical clinic. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Rezone Petition 1175 as presented. David Roth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2023-06-Approving the Comprehensive Plan-Doug Pepple** made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Resolution 2023-07- Creation of Human Resource Director Position-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann** provided background and history regarding the position. Ken Houston expressed opposition to the position for 2023 and felt it could wait until 2024 to begin. Doug Pepple voiced his approval for the position citing moving forward with be a positive for our employees. Ken Houston agreed with Doug Pepple, but feels the position could have been planned out better. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07. David Roth seconded the motion. All ayes except Ken Houston (nay), motion carried.

6. **Resolution 2023-08-Confirming Interest in Purchasing Real Estate**—Mayor Gross explained the property is located by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ken Houston indicated that this property had been identified years ago as important for the City to consider purchasing since the plant touches it on 3 sides. Ken Houston made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 allowing the appraisal process to begin. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-None

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello