

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on December 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Aaron Sims and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at 120 W. Washington Street and conducted in person. It was also available via Zoom and live on Facebook.

**Roll Call:** Called by Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple was answered “present and in person” by Mayor Aaron Sims, Bill Cheever, Gary Allen, Shanda Cortez, Kim Kramer, Dave Patty and City Attorney George Loy.

**Minutes:** made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023. Shanda Cortez moved to approve, Gary Allen seconded the motion. Kim Kramer abstained, the remainder ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions:** Council president Bill Cheever asked to delete new business agenda item #2 for MFD FEMA grant.

**Citizen Participation:** None

**Department Head Reports:**

**Street:** Frank Arthur reported 130 man hours addressing snow and ice while using 100 tons of salt. Applied for Community Crossing Grant #2024-1 for projects amounting to \$1,300,000+. If approved, expect to hear back in April with a \$1,000,000+ grant. Pothole repair underway and appreciate any reports of these from the public. Seeking lighting through NIPSCO for parking lot behind NAPA. Working on contracts with Central Paving for upcoming projects.

**Wastewater:** Bob Lindley explained recent collection maintenance included cleaning and jetting 1,125 feet that included National Homes and Hillcrest neighborhoods. Sewer cleaning and visual camera inspection scheduled to start tomorrow (2/6) on the city’s far south side that feed into the City Park lift station. As required by IDEM, the Annual 2024 Industrial Use Survey was sent to Ball Corp, Adkev and Regal. Regal has applied through IDEM for a pre-treatment plant in their facility. All surveys been returned. Annual Bio solids report for EPA was submitted last month. In 2023, the plant influent totaled 536mm gallons, effluent totaled 380mm gallons. 461mm gallons recycled return activated sludge. Waste activated sludge to the digester totaled 17.5 mm gallons. CSO’s totaled 7.2 mm gallons and total bio solids applied to ag ground was 251 dry tons.

**Water:** Brad Haygood’s report includes 2 more broken mains; the south tower is offline due to a failed coupling. As the weather warms, it will be repaired. It should be a routine repair. The remaining towers will have no problem maintain pressure throughout the city.

**Parks:** Mitch Billue announced the new snow blower did a great job cleaning the parking lots. Thanks to Councilman Gary Allen for donating American and State flags to the Nature Center. Security lights maintenance at the Anheier building completed. Chevy truck ordered, expect delivery in 6 to 8 weeks. Pavillion roof repairs planned for spring. Programs and Activities Director, Nicky Zarse hired and starts next Monday. March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 final wrap up of the 5 year Parks master plan in the west bays of City Hall.

**Police:** Chief Travis Clark announced Jeremy Kyburz swearing-in as assistant chief coming up. Interviews starting to fill his former lieutenant position. Attended Indy 3-day Chief’s Conference. January stats: Traffic Stops – 266; Arrests – 16; Accidents – 24; Calls for Service – 601.

**Fire:** Chief Cody Scheurich looking to update rescue tools commonly referred to as “jaws of life.” MIH Director and Woman’s Health Specialist Courtney Dyer testified at the Statehouse last week. Together with Delaware County and Crawfordsville, seeking to allow billing for their services. Should hear decision by March 1<sup>st</sup>. March Fire Academy classes planned at the station: EMT and Firefighter 1&2. April training at the station will be Confined Space Technician Course. January 16<sup>th</sup> responded to large incident cooperating with Buffalo and Pulaski County departments. Highway Department minimized heavy ice buildup at the location.

**ADA:** Diane Bunnell focused on March Disability Awareness Month. Banner art was selected from over 200 applicants. Banners will be displayed on Main, Illinois and Broadway Streets. Wheelchair Basketball set for March 14<sup>th</sup>. White Oaks donated \$927 to the Advisory Council for adult changing tables at the city pool.

**Committee Reports** – None

**Old Business:**

**Accounts Payable Vouchers (APV) Reports 2023 and 2024:** Clerk Treasure Doug Pepple explained the January approved APV report needed to split such that the 2023 portion ended on December 31, 2023 and the 2024 portion start with January 1, 2024. Shanda Cortez moved to approve, seconded by Kim Kramer. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

**White County Veterans' Boot Drive:** Jeff Wilbourn of the Veterans' office said this will be directed by VFW Post 1106 (Reynolds) for the purpose of revitalizing perhaps the oldest post in the state. Scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm. All safety and permissions have been or will be addressed. Bill Cheever moved to approve, seconded by Kim Kramer, All ayes, motion carried.

**Parks Permission to Apply for Cares Grant thru the Community Foundation:** Superintendent Billue is seeking funding for capital projects around the Nature Center. Hoping for a \$10,000 grant. Gary Allen move to approve, seconded by Shanda Cortez. All ayes, motion carried.

**Council Consideration of Area Plan Amendment A-72 to the White County Zoning Control Ordinance:** Area Plan Director Jenilynne Kyburz explained the amendment standards and its purpose. Bill Cheever moved to adopt, seconded by Dave Patty. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters:**

Clerk Treasure Pepple reminded all Councilors of required paperwork for statements of nepotism, conflict of interest and observing the SBOA Internal Controls video. All must sign off appropriately for our files when completed.

Adjournment: - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello