

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, March 4, 2024. Regularly scheduled to start at 6:00p.m. The meeting was held at 120 W. Washington Street and conducted in person. It was also available via Zoom and live on Facebook. Mayor Sims called the meeting to order and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Additions & Deletions: Bill Cheever moved that items #1 and #2 be removed from the agenda for discussion at the next scheduled council meeting. Shanda Cortez seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried. Add agenda item #4 – Bucket Shake for Twin Lakes Cheerleaders on June 22, 2024.

Citizen Participation: Pastor Josh Leonard announced and invited all to attend a joint Good Friday service at the Monticello Christian Church on the 29th.

Department Head Reports:

ADA – March one of the busiest months! Artwork on display at the library. Thanks Street Department for getting the banners up again. A must experience is White Oaks Dementia Tour on the 28th at the library. Check out the City’s website for more details of all the activity.

MFD – Tech rescue equipment is coming in for our late April training for extrication in confined spaces. EMT classes starting – held Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays. Fire Academy will continue into mid-summer.

MPD – Special recognition for officers Cosgray, Estudillo and Pyle for pursuit and arrest of a theft ring known to departments from here to the east coast. They responded to a call from our local Walmart. On-going training including concerns for the upcoming eclipse and ice jams with their consequences. For February: 476 traffic stops; 33 arrests; 873 calls for service; 25 accidents and 40 cares referred to the prosecutor.

PARKS – Health fair coming on April 27. The Twin Lakes Make a Wish Club holding their annual Color Run on May 4th. Park Board completed Park Policy Manual and now submitted to MPD for review. Last chance for submitting ideas to the parks comprehensive plan will be Wednesday. Star Lab was a big success with over 500 participants. Ball Corporation volunteers will be assisting parks staff in removing some invasive species. Arrowhead REMC awarded our parks with a nice grant for the observation deck. Nicki Zarse is off to a wonderful start in her new parks position.

WATER – LGS continues to complete about 2 new service lines a day in the RCA neighborhood. The south water tower is back and fully functional. Main Street repair got a little more complicated than first though. Repaired now. As time permits, spring cleaning the shop.

WASTE WATER – Collector at 3rd and Hillcrest was found to have a hole bored through it by Comcast. Now repaired and Comcast has been billed. Clarifier repaired and influent flow meter back working after wiring was replaced.

STREET – A noticeable lighting improvement behind NAPA and the theater with the new lights. Expect Spring Cleanup fliers to be distributed shortly – East side Saturday, April 20th and West side Saturday, April 27th. Newly purchased “Total Patcher” is in service and meeting expectations.

INDOT grant “HSIP” awarded to fund 100% of our traffic signal enhancements. Typically not a 100% grant. Shoppers’ Concourse getting some badly needed attention. Ideas being considered.

Committee Reports – None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Consideration of Advertising in News and Review’s 50th Anniversary Commemorative

Tornado Publication: They will print 500 copies which will be sold for \$20.00 each. Photographs and stories of the day will be included in it. The inside front cover was offered as a black and white advertisement representing the city for \$450 and the back cover for \$500. Bill Cheever moved that the cost be split 3 ways (Council, Mayor and Clerk Treasurer offices) for the inside front cover. Dave Patty seconded. All ayes. The motion carried.

Mobile Integrated Health Permission for Indiana Department of Health “Safety Pin” Grant:

MIH Director Nick Green explained the value of the grant which is deeply rooted in the Maternal and Child Health Division. The grant requires no matching dollars. KIRPC would assist in this endeavor. If successful the grant award would be between \$150,000 and \$300,000. Nick is asking for permission to apply for this grant. Gary Allen moved to allow the permission to apply which was seconded by Shanda Cortez. All ayes, the motion carried.

Clerk Treasurer 2 year Outdated Checks: Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple sought permission to cancel and refund to the appropriate accounts checks drawn over two years ago. The Council was provided a detailed list of the checks. Gary Allen moved to allow the action by the Clerk Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Bill Cheever. All ayes, the motion carried.

Twin Lakes High School Cheerleader Bucket Shake Request: Their sponsor made the request scheduled for June 22nd. All paperwork and safety discussions were in order. Bill Cheever moved to allow the bucket shake on June 2nd which was seconded by Kim Kramer. All ayes, the motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: - None

Adjournment: - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello