

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JULY 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on July 21, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Mayor Aaron Sims. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. While the meeting was conducted in-person, it was also available via Zoom and live on Facebook.

**ROLL CALL:** The call by Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Gary Allen and Bill Cheever. Councilor Shanda Cortez answered the call via zoom.

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Gary Allen moved to approve the minutes of the regular July 7, 2025, meeting, Councilor Bill Cheever seconded. All ayes.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:** – Councilor Bill Cheever suggested and was agreed to remove from the agenda the BOT presentation by Wessler engineer Aaron Hutton as the councilors heard his presentation earlier in the evening during the Board of Works meeting.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Angie Dyer of Bluewater Drive reported a neighborhood group had been formed to coordinate with the city to enhance or clean up certain properties in the city. She expressed appreciation for what had been accomplished so far but the group felt more could be done. She included the suggestion of volunteers assisting those who may be unable to properly maintain their property.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Departments’ submitted reports yielded no questions from the Mayor or Councilors

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** - None

**OLD BUSINESS:** – None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

White County Area Plan Director Jenilynne Kyburz introduced her Assistant Director Brianna Rasmussen and then proceeded to explain:

- Ordinance #2025-09 a rezone petition (#1208) for 457 W. Foster Street. Local resident, Brian Wagner spoke on behalf of himself and some neighbors in opposition to the rezone. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to table the matter which was seconded by Shanda Cortez. All ayes.
- Ordinance #2025-10 an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance #A83 Appendix B: Bulk Use Standards. Councilor Gary Allen moved to pass the recommendation and was seconded by Councilor Bill Cheever. All ayes.
- Ordinance #2025-11 an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance #A84 Ch. 4: Use Classifications and Provisions, Ch. 14 Definitions and Appendix A: Official Schedule of Uses. Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to pass the recommendation and was seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

Ordinance 2025-08 “Amending Rates and Charges for the Use and Services of the Wastewater Utility of the City of Monticello” was moved on to a second reading with a motion from Councilor Bill Cheever and seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

Accounts Payable Vouchers Report was moved to approval by Councilor Gary Allen and seconded by Councilor Bill Cheever. All ayes.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS:** – None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Doug Pepple  
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello