

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY AUGUST 18, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on August 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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, Bill Cheever, Shanda Cortez, Kim Kramer and Dave Patty.

MINUTES:

Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the regular August 4, 2025, meeting, Councilor Bill Cheever seconded. All ayes.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue asked to add a third grant request during his part of the agenda.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The departments' submitted reports yielded no questions from the Mayor or Councilors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

After considering the rezone request for 457 W. Foster Street, Ordinance #2025-09 was moved for passage by Councilor Dave Patty and seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue sought permission to apply for the following grants:

- Community Foundation Mental Wellness refundable grant for approximately \$5,000. This reimbursable grant would provide financing for aerobics and yoga instruction. Councilor Gary Allen moved to permit the application, seconded by Councilor Bill Cheever. All ayes.
- Community Foundation Women Giving refundable grant for approximately \$5,000. This reimbursable grant would provide financing for aerobics and yoga instruction. Councilor Gary Allen moved to permit the application, seconded by Councilor Bill Cheever. All ayes.
- I.U. Health Grant which is a result of an assessment that identified community health, aging, etc. The grant has a pool of \$25,000 per year for the next three years. The parks hope to receive \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year. Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to permit the application, seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes.

The Accounts Payable Vouchers Report was objected to by Councilor Shanda Cortez. After some discussion, Councilor Cortez moved to have the \$105.87 charge for department head

meeting lunches removed from the Mayor's appropriation. Councilor Dave Patty seconded. All ayes. Councilor Cortez further asked why there was a credit card late fee with the fire department. Fire Chief Cody Scheurich responded in saying he may have been late getting the paperwork to the accounts payable staff. Councilor Cortez moved to conditionally approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Report as amended and was seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS:

Monticello Redevelopment Commissioner member Dan Oldekamp updated the Riverwalk Park project. He was pleased to report the construction will begin next month with completion targeted for next mid-summer.

At a recent G.O.P. caucus, Shanda Cortez was elected by the body to fulfill the term of retiring Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple. His retirement is effective August 29, 2025. Mayor Sims administered the oath of office.

Councilor Bill Cheever recognized Pepple for his 12 years of service on the Council and his time as Clerk Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully,
Doug Pepple
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello

*Amended: highlighted
\$105.00 to \$105.87
Kim Kramer to Dave Patty*