

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indianan, was held at 120 W Washington St on September 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Aaron Sims. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. While the meeting was conducted in-person, it was available via Zoom and live of YouTube and Facebook.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Aaron Sims, Attorney George Loy, Councilors Gary Allen, Kim Kramer, Tim McQuinn and Dave Patty answered in-person by Clerk Treasurer Shanda Cortez.

**MINUTES:**

Gary Allen made motion to approve the minutes from September 2, 2025. Dave Patty seconded. All ayes.

Gary Allen made motion to approve the amended minutes from August 18, 2025. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes except Tim McQuinn abstained.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:**

Parks department permission to apply for a grant made #2. #2 Approval of APV moved to #3.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Susan Gift spoke about her concerns about the new Servline insurance. Mayor stated that the Servline Representative has come to the council meeting a couple times to explain the process. Josh Leonard, BOW President, was asked to come and explain the Servline process. Josh Leonard explained the fee of \$2.20 and what it entails. All the residents are opted in for the insurance. If you opt out and you have a leak there will be no adjustment given from the City or Servline. Susan stated she does not like the fact that everyone is opted in to the program automatically. She suggested with the increase in water rates, that there be a letter to the city explaining the rate increase and being opted in automatically to Servline. She stated that the Council minutes have not been updated on the website since June 2025. Shanda Cortez stated that she did send the minutes to the Website developer to get those uploaded.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Departments submitted their written reports to the council. No questions from the Council.

Diane Bunnell, ADA Coordinator, wanted to thank everyone involved with the Mayor's Advisory Council-ADA Bowling Fundraising.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **DEER ORDINANCE 2025-10: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING-** Dave Patty made motion to approve the ordinance. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes.
2. **POLICE TRANSFER FUNDS ORDINANCE 2025-11: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING-** Assistant Chief Kyburz was there for any questions. Gary Allen made motion to approve the ordinance. Dave Patty seconded. All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **TLHS HOMECOMING PARADE:** Natalie Quintanilla, Student Council President, and Dayanara Mancia, Student Council Secretary, came and spoke about the parade route and to get approval. The parade is on 10/3/25 from 4p-5p. Gary Allen made motion to approve the parade. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes.
2. **PARKS DEPARTMENT GRANT APPROVAL:** Superintendent, Mitch Billue, is asking for approval to apply for the Indiana Trails Program grant. It would be an 80/20 grant where the city pays 20%. The grant is up to \$200,000. The minimum amount of application is \$100,000. The grant can be used for Voight Park trails and restrooms, the skate park renovation and the trail system. The Grant window is from 9/1/25-10/1/25. Tim McQuinn made motion to approve permission to apply for the grant. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes. Mitch also stated that the pickleball courts can be painted by the end of this year, 2025.
3. **APPROVAL OF APV:** Gary made motion to approve the APV to be paid. Dave Patty seconded. All ayes.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:**

Mayor reminded everyone that Trick or Treating for the City is on 11/1/25 from 6p-8p. This will coincide with SOMA's Trunk or Treat from 3p-5p.

The 10/20/25 Council Meeting will be changed to 10/27/25.  
The budget hearing is moved to 10/6/25 for the Council's 1<sup>st</sup> review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Shanda Cortez  
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello