

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 W Washington St on November 3, 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 available via Zoom and live on YouTube and Facebook.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Councilor Allen made motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2025. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: NONE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Jenilynne Kyburz, Area Plan Director, spoke about the status update for property: 712 Bluewater. There is now a court case 91D01-2508-MI-000039. She stated that the defendant was given 3 continuances to abate the violations on his premises. She stated that she was simply just there to give an update to the City on the property and that the County is taking action. There was over \$40,000 in fines and the area plan office settled with around \$4,000. The owner of the property is in an agreement with her office to pay \$300/month for a year. This property is located next to the Shredl Property.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Oral reports were submitted with possible Q & A from the Mayor and Council.

ADA- Diane Bunnell stated that she is in the process of moving her office to the Utility office. She has been going to meeting for her different coalitions in the community.

FIRE-Chief Scheurich stated that all fire hoses are being tested. They must perform annual testing. 7 team members finished the rope rescue technician class this month. 6 team members will attend dive training this month. Chief recognized Nick Green for doing the Fire Prevention week at the community schools.

PARKS-Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that they are currently working on winterizing the parks and the pool. He is working with Eagle Scout with the projects on the observation deck. Leslie coating has the new pickleball court posts in the ground. They will paint the next 2 days with the nice weather. He said the court should be done by the end of the week. He did challenge Attorney George Loy to a game. He wanted to thank Brad Haygood, Water superintendent, for the help with the set fence posts. Mitch will be gone at the Indiana Parks & Rec conference 11/18/25-11/20/25.

POLICE-Chief Clark started by recognizing the City officers and all their work for the City. He gave a special thanks to Officer Morrow for his work on the burglaries in the community with the churches. They do have a suspect. He gave a special thanks to Detective Pyle and all his work that he does and sees when he is working a case. Drones will be in the next week. 2/5 cages are installed thanks to the Rotary Club. The others are being installed. He attended the active shooter training that the City held through IPEP. He will be having an additional training for his officers. SOMA's trunk or treat was a success and they enjoyed handing out the candy. Gave a shout out to TL Football. They won sectionals and will be playing at Western on Friday at 7PM for the Regional game.

STREET-Superintendent Frank Arthur stated that next month sidewalks and paving will be done. They are starting to pick up leaves. They have currently done 10 loads. Normally they do 30 loads by now, he is asking everyone to rake their leaves so they can get them picked up. Mike with the street department passed his CDL. Next week they will start hanging Christmas lights in the City. 11/19/25 at 6:30PM will be the official lighting for the City lights.

WASTEWATER-Bruce Wilson spoke and stated that they are still looking for an employee. They have extended the add and also doing indeed until 11/21/25.

WATER-Superintendent Brad Haygood stated that they just finished 2 new taps today. They are still working on MIUs. They have finished the sanitary survey. The led line inventory letters were mailed last week, so the public will be seeing those in the mail. If any questions to call his office.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE 2025-13: 2026 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY—2ND READING:** No questions. Councilor Allen made motion to approve. Councilor Cheever seconded. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE 2025-10a AMENDING DEER ORDINANCE:** The task force is wanting to amend the hours of hunting to half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset. They will be mindful and may need to make amendments for when school is out on breaks. Chief Clark did not see an issue. Councilor Cheever made motion to pass. Councilor McQuinn seconded. All ayes.
2. **ORDINANCE 2025-14: 2026 MONTICELLO FIRE DEPT SALARY MATRIX—1ST READING:** No questions. Councilor Allen made a motion to pass. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes.
3. **ORDINANCE 2025-15: 2026 MONTICELLO POLIC DEPT SALARY MATRIX—1ST READING:** No questions. Councilor McQuinn made a motion to pass. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes.
4. **ORDINANCE 2025-16: 2026 APPOINTED OFFICERS, PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY & UTILITY SALARIES—1ST READING:** No questions. Councilor Allen made a motion to pass. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes.
5. **2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE, COUNCIL & BOW MEETINGS SCHEDULE:** No questions. Councilor Cheever made motion to approve the dates. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes.
6. **APPROVE ALLOWANCE DOCKET—PAY PERIOD ENDING 10/19/25:** No questions. Councilor Allen made motion to approve. Councilor Cheever seconded. All ayes.
7. **APPROVE APV's 10/21/25-10/30/25:** No questions. Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:

1. Mayor reminded everyone that Lt. Governor Micah Beeckwith's Mobile office will be at City Hall, 11/5/25 from 11AM-2PM if anyone from the public wants to come and talk.
2. The recycling center is having a grand opening on Saturday, 11/15/25.
3. Meadowlawn PTO Chili cook-off is Saturday, 11/15/25.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shanda Cortez

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello