

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 W Washington St on January 5, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 Bill Cheever, Kim Kramer, Tim McQuinn, Dave Patty and Attorney George Loy, answered in-person and Councilor Gary Allen answered via zoom by Clerk Treasurer Shanda Cortez.

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Kramer made motion to approve the minutes from Special meeting December 29, 2025. Councilor McQuinn seconded. All ayes.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** Councilor Cheever would like to add under new business #10- Lowry Building discussion.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Oral reports were submitted with possible Q & A from the Mayor and Council. No questions were asked.

**ADA-** Director Daine is preparing for March, disability awareness month. She is also working on the wheelchair basketball event. The mayor's advisory council will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**FIRE-** Chief Scheurich went over fire & ambulance stats for the year. He did say that the ambulance contract is up this year for negotiations.

**PARKS-** Superintendent Mitch has received plates on the dump truck. He has received the building permit from the County for the north pavilion, and it should be done before spring.

**POLICE-** Chief Clark stated that Patrolman Benedict has graduated from the academy. MPD is now done with the purchasing of drones for their drone program. They now have 3 drones to use.

**STREET-** Superintendent Frank stated that his department has helped area plan director, Jenilynne Kyburz, with the Woodcock property. New Onpoint toters are being delivered and Waste management is picking up the old ones.

**WASTEWATER-** Superintendent Bob has signed apprenticeship agreement for Christian Rodriguez. He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> trainee and has received \$6,000 towards his tuition.

**WATER-** Superintendent Brad stated they have treated over 336 million gallons of water for 2025. Still filling in potholes for the lead service lines testing sites.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST-** There were 3 conflicts of interest forms for businesses that may do business with the City that needed signed. Water employee Angelo Valle with AAA Valley Fire Equipment, Councilor Gary Allen with Sharp School Services and Mayor Sims with Cazadores. Councilor Cheever made motion to approve. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. These forms will be filed with the County Clerk's office and uploaded to the state.
2. **NEPOTISM POLICY-** Each Elected official needs to sign an Annual certification of Elected Official to the Executive on Compliance with the Municipal Nepotism Policy-Direct Line Supervision and the Contracting with a Unit Policy. Councilor Patty made motion to approve. Councilor McQuinn seconded. All ayes. These forms will be filed with the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer for record
3. **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT-** Councilor Kramer nominated Councilor Patty. Councilor McQuinn seconded. Councilor Patty accepted nomination. All ayes except Councilor Patty abstained.
4. **COUNCIL-AREA PLAN DELEGATE-** Councilor Patty nominated Councilor Allen. Councilor Cheever seconded. Councilor Allen accepted. All ayes except Councilor Allen abstained.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-** Councilor Patty stated the council would like to table the appointments for the next meeting.
6. **MAYOR & COUNCIL MRC APPOINTMENTS-** Councilor Patty would like to nominate Tracy Davidson and Councilor Cheever nominated Holly Moore. Councilor Cheever made motion. Councilor Patty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.  
Mayor Sims made direct appointments of Eric Becker, Bill Meisenheimer and Mayor. Mayor Sims did the oath of office for Eric Becker & Tracy Davidson. Holly Moore and Bill Meisenheimer will do their oath at the next MRC meeting.
7. **COUNCIL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT-** Councilor Cheever nominated Councilor Kramer. Councilor Kramer accepted nomination. Councilor Patty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. **APPROVE ALLOWANCE DOCKET-PAYROLL ENDING 12/28/25-** Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve. Councilor Cheever seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. **APPROVE APV's 12/24/25-12/31/25-** Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. **LOWRY BUILDING DISCUSSION-** Councilor Cheever stated he wanted to add this to the agenda because this is an important and big project for the city. Mayor Sims spoke about the building that the City is interested in purchasing. The City is wanting to purchase this property for an apartment complex to come downtown. The Board of Works approved the contract, and Scott Lowry has signed the contract. City Engineer, Jason Miller, spoke about the building and project. This is pending the approval of funds from the council to move forward. This topic will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:**

Mayor Sims thanked Courtney Bradshaw for her years on the MRC board. Special thanks to Councilor Cheever for his years as President on the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shanda Cortez

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello