



CITY OF MONTICELLO

AARON SIMS
MAYOR

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

SHANDA CORTEZ
CLERK-TREASURER

TIM MCQUINN
COUNCIL AT-LARGE

GARY ALLEN
COUNCIL WARD 1

KIM KRAMER
COUNCIL WARD 2

BILL CHEEVER
COUNCIL WARD 3

DAVE PATTY
COUNCIL WARD 4,
PRESIDENT

JOSH LEONARD
BOARD OF WORKS,
PRESIDENT

STEVE BROWN
BOARD OF WORKS

A regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 W Washington St on February 17, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mayor Aaron Sims. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. While the meeting was conducted in-person, it was available and live on YouTube and Facebook.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026, meeting. Councilor Patty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: Delete #4 & #5

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. WHISKEY & WINE SALOON—AUTISM RIDE: Stephanie Craig & her sister, Kyonga, spoke about the annual autism ride that Whiskey & Wine Saloon puts on. The ride is 6/6/26. The ride raises around \$11,000-\$13,000.

2. HERALD JOURNAL—WHITE COUNTY FACTBOOK: Marty with Kankakee Valley & Herald Journal asked if the City wanted to have the back page of the 2026 Factbook. Council, Clerk Treasurer & Mayor will split the \$500 fee. Councilor Patty made motion to approve. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. PARKS: ROY WHISTLER GRANT: Brett spoke on behalf of Superintendent Mitch, asked the Council to apply for the grant. It is a no match grant. Councilor Cheever made motion to approve. Councilor McQuinn seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. APPROVE ALLOWANCE DOCKET—PAY PERIOD ENDING 2/8/26: Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve. Councilor Cheever seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.



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5. APPROVE APV'S 1/30/26-2/12/26: Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve. Councilor Cheever seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:

Mayor Sims recognized and thanked Cheri with News & Review as it was her last meeting and she will be leaving the News & Review.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shanda Cortez
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello