



CITY OF MONTICELLO

AARON SIMS
MAYOR

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 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,
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STEVE BROWN
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A regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 W Washington St on March 2, 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 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 Kramer made motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026, meeting. Councilor Patty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lake Freeman Fireworks: Natalee Fuller: Natalee asked the council for a donation from the City for Lake Freeman Fireworks. They are a 501 (c3) LLC. Councilor Patty made motion to donate \$500. Councilor Kramer seconded the motion. Councilor Cheever stated he doesn't believe it meets the public purpose standard for city funding of taxpayer dollars. All ayes. Except Councilors Allen & Cheever were nays. Motion carried.

2. PARKS: Permission for Prescribed Burn Altherr Nature Park: Superintendent Mitch is asking permission to do the annual burn at the nature park. This would be in March and will co-ordinate with the Fire Department. Councilor Cheever made motion to approve. Councilor McQuinn seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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



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4. APPROVE APV'S 2/13/26-2/26/26: Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve. Councilor Patty seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:

Mayor Sims welcomed Penny Titus with Jim Bairds office in the audience. The City sends their condolences to the Baird family.

Mayor Sims congratulated the town of Reynolds on their award of \$750,000 for their upgrades in their community.

Councilor Kramer thanked the street department and prayers with the soldiers.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shanda Cortez
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello