

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday November 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Houston and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Houston then asked that all remain standing in a moment of silence to pay respects for the tragic events in France.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Mayor Ken Houston, Councilors Cathy Gross, Doug Pepple, Kim Kramer, Phil Vogel and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from November 2, 2015 meeting as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. Motion passed with Phil Vogel abstaining.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Heads Reports**- Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that Regal Beloit donated \$500.00 to the Department. The Rotary Club is sponsoring an appreciation dinner for fire fighters, emergency management personnel and their families on 11-18-2015 at the Knights Of Columbus Hall. Rod Pool from the Water Department said there was a broken main on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Joe Mowrer from the Wastewater Treatment Plant indicated that the plant ran at 85% of capacity in October and there were no CSO by-passes. There are new CSO signs being installed. Frank Arthur from the Street Department said that they have picked up 140 truckloads of leaves so far this fall. The downtown Christmas lights are being put up. NIPSCO and REMC are assisting the City with this. Mitch Billue from the Parks said the Rotary Club is repairing another shelter at Bluewater Park. The benches for Altherr Park have been delivered. Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated that the Prosecutor's Office is offering legal update classes for all law enforcement personnel. He will be attending a conference on body cameras and social media on November 23 and 24. The Shop with a Cop fundraiser was a huge success with 2,225 tacos being sold in 4 hours.

**Committee Reports**- Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann updated the Council on a recent committee meeting regarding our computer technology services and the action we will be taking in the future. Our current vendor Roeing Corporation and another company, N2N Technologies are interested in quoting our business.

**Old Business**-None

**New Business:**

1. Personnel Policy Manual-Ordinance 2015-20. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules and pass this ordinance on first reading. Kim Kramer seconded. Vote recorded as Gross aye, Kramer aye, Pepple aye, Vogel nay, and Widmer aye. Because this is not unanimous ordinance 2015-20 will go to second reading on the December 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. Police Department-Request to transfer funds per Ordinance 2015-21. The funds would be used to purchase pagers for the officers. This will move to a second reading on the December 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Accounts Payable**-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**- Cathy Gross thanked everyone who attended the dedication for Liz's Memorial. Doug Pepple complimented Ralph Widmer for chairing the Personnel Policy Handbook Committee. He also indicated that we will need to be decorating the Christmas Float soon. Mayor Houston mentioned that our bond rating for the Fire Station project came in at AA- which is in the top four rating options. He also said that SOMA has been decorating the flower pots for Christmas. He also wanted to recognize Greg and Sandy Johnson for their efforts with the taco fundraiser. Applause, Applause!

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello