

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY DECEMBER 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday December 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Houston and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from December 7 and December 14, 2015 meetings as presented. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston requested that item 4 under New Business be added, "Discussion of Cleaning Services at the Water Works Building".

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports- Water Superintendent Rod Pool said there was a water main break on Linda Avenue. He also mentioned that another tower will be installed soon and meter reading for the City is very close to conformance. Joe Mowrer with the Wastewater Treatment Plant said there is a large sink hole on Bluff Street being repaired. Also, Layne Heavy Civil is taking the week off of construction due to the holidays. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated they have been removing trees. The Market Street sidewalk project is now done. Most of the street cuts have been repaired. Mitch Billue of the Parks Department indicated that the Rotary Club has finished the pavilions at Bluewater. The amphitheater project is progressing with the third terrace being started. Mitch indicated he met with a soil scientist Rick Ward from Purdue about creating a wetland area at Alherr Park. The good news is that the soils meet the requirements. Mitch said they are also working on new parking spaces at Dodge Camp. Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated vandalism reports have increased. The call load has increased as is typical for the holiday season. Fire Chief Galen Logan said that five firefighters attended an aerial operations class. He also indicated that a \$500.00 donation has been received from the Redman Lodge and \$1,000.00 from Brim Concrete.

Committee Reports-Doug Peple indicated the Ordinance Committee met to have a conference phone call with a software company. The goal would be to help communications with the Ordinance Officer. The software may provide other benefits to the City which will be further discussed by the Committee.

Old Business-None

New Business:

1. Street Department-Request to Transfer Funds-Ordinance 2015-24

Doug Peple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass ORD 2015-24 on first reading.

Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Doug Peple made a motion to pass ORD 2015-24.

Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Resolution 2015-07 Street Department to Encumber Funds-Phil Vogel made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Clerk Treasurer- Transfer Funds Ordinance 2015-25

Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass ORD 2015-25 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Doug Pepple made a motion to adopt ORD 2015-25. Cathy Gross seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Discussion of cleaning services at the Water Plant-Phil Vogel indicated he had discussed eliminating this from the overall cleaning services that Tom Hall provides for the City with some Council members, Rod Pool and Mr. Hall himself. Phil suggested that the Street Department and Wastewater Plant clean their own offices, so this would be consistent with those practices. Phil Vogel made a motion to discontinue the cleaning at the water plant effective January 29, 2016. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the Vouchers as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-Council Members, the Clerk Treasurer, and the Mayor spoke about Cathy Gross with much favor. Mayor Houston read a proclamation dedicated to her service with the City.

Swearing In Ceremony-Mayor Houston conducted a swearing in ceremony with newly elected Council Member Tim McQuinn, Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, and Council Members Phil Vogel, Doug Pepple, Kim Kramer, and Ralph Widmer.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello