

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, January 5, 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 Cathy Gross, Doug Pepple, Phil Vogel, Kim Kramer and Ralph Widmer, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014, a motion was made by Councilor Doug Pepple, seconded by Councilor Phil Vogel, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Ken Houston stated he wanted to add to new business as item 3 Discussion of Comprehensive Plan for the City.

Citizen Participation

None

Department Heads Reports

Department Head reports were given by Street Superintendent Frank Arthur, Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue, Fire Chief Galen Logan, Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer, Water Superintendent Rod Pool and Police Chief Randy Soliday.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

- 1) Consideration of Council Appointment to the Monticello Redevelopment Commission
A motion was made by Phil Vogel to appoint Mark Gamble to the MRC. Cathy Gross provided the second. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2) Discussion of East Ohio Street-There was discussion of the current plan as provided by Miller & Associates among the residents of East Ohio, Mayor Houston and the Council Members. As a result of the desire to further change the plans as they read today it was voted on to create a committee comprised of East Ohio Street residents and City Officials. Phil Vogel made a motion to appoint Councilors Ralph Widmer and Kim Kramer to serve on this committee. They will contact other E Ohio property owners to be involved. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

- 1) Discussions of Council-Department Liaisons-Councilor Doug Pepple brought up whether the Councilors would like to consider rotating departmental assignments. There was no action taken at this time.

2) Discussion/Formation of a Well Field Committee-Rod Pool presented the importance of the City planning for the future. The City has a Wellhead Protection Area extending West of the City. Requirements suggest that the new well field must have a radius of 200 feet around any new well. New wells would not have to be drilled within the Protection Area, but it would be less expensive. A new plant would be built in the same area. A committee of Phil Vogel and Doug Pepple was set up to assist the Mayor and the water department to begin the planning process. They will reach out to the Monticello Redevelopment Committee for additional members.

3) Added agenda item-Discussion of Updating Monticello's Comprehensive Plan
Councilor Cathy Gross along with Board of Works member Andy Harmon will work with Mayor Houston on this effort.

Miscellaneous and all other matters

Doug Pepple indicated the Ordinance Committee will be meeting on January 8th at 8:30 am to further discuss how to deal with abandoned properties and other ordinance matters.

Mayor Houston indicated the old hospital clean up has been going well and will be finished in the spring. He also updated everyone on the status of other ongoing projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello