

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday January 4, 2016, 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, Tim McQuinn, Kim Kramer and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2015 meeting as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes except that Tim McQuinn abstained, motion passed.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston requested that item 6 Ordinance 2016-01 as well as item 7 White County Economic Development be added to the agenda.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports- Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that Firefighter Ryan Blake did pass his paramedic testing. Zach Wolfe will be attending paramedic training in Bloomington over the next 4 months. Michael Lee and Ryan Hahn will be going to Lafayette for their paramedic training and it will conclude in March of 2017. The Fire Department was challenged by the West Lafayette FD to a fundraising challenge. Donations can be made for the Polar Plunge event. The Monticello FD is named Team Wes. Chief Logan is challenging other department heads and elected officials to match his pledge of \$20.00. Mitch Billue from the Parks Department said the Christmas Lights are being pulled down at the City Park. Restrooms are also being repaired due to park patrons standing on the urinals. Also, it is estimated that between 15,000-20,000 people use our park facilities. This does not include the usage at Voigt Park. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer indicated that we had 5.61 inches of rain so far in December. The crew is making repairs to a flight chain drive at the main settling tank. All the permit requirements are being met. Frank Arthur of the Street Department said 12 trees have been removed over the past 2 weeks and the downtown Christmas Lights are being removed. Water Superintendent Rod Pool said that four water mains have broken since the colder weather has set in. Police Chief Randy Soliday mentioned that there is pipeline training on 1-11-16 in Battle Ground that he will be attending. He will also be teaching a class at the Police Academy.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business:

1. Discussion of Council Appointments to the Monticello Redevelopment Commission-Doug Peple indicated that Neil Smith does not wish to continue serving on the MRC. Mark Gamble is willing to serve another term. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve Mark Gamble to another term on the MRC. Doug Peple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Council Appointment to the NW Indiana Solid Waste District-Doug Peple made a motion to appoint Tim McQuinn for this post. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Council Appointment to the Area Plan Commission-Kim Kramer made a motion to appoint Doug Peple to the APC. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Discussion of Council Liaison Responsibilities-Doug Pepple made a motion as follows: Phil Vogel-Fire, Kim Kramer-Streets, Ralph Widmer-Police, Tim McQuinn-Utilities, and Doug Pepple-Parks. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
 5. Election of Council President-Ralph Widmer made a motion to elect Doug Pepple as Council President. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
 6. Ordinance 2016-01 an Ordinance Transferring Funds within the various accounts of the City of Monticello was read and moved to the second reading scheduled for the 1-19-2016 meeting.
 7. White County Economic Development-Mayor Houston discussed the progress of the White County Economic Development Organization over the past year. There were many accomplishments. The City made a 3 year commitment beginning in 2013 of \$10,000.00 per year. Doug Pepple requested that Randy Mitchell be present for the next Council meeting. All the towns in the County are represented on the board of directors of the organization. Phil Vogel asked whether a breakdown could be made available on the total investment dollars made in the County. Mayor Houston said that Randy Mitchell would be at the next Council meeting to answer questions.
- Miscellaneous and all other matters**-There was a discussion among the Councilors regarding membership to the Chamber of Commerce. Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated that he sent out one possible evaluation of how the City could fit within the Chamber dues schedule. It was meant for discussion purposes only. Doug Pepple agreed to reach out to the Chamber and discuss the dues schedule.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello