

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
Tuesday February 16, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday February 16, 2016, at 6:15 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 Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, and Kim Kramer. Phil Vogel and Ralph Widmer were not in attendance. City Attorney George Loy was present.

**Minutes**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

**Additions & Deletions**-Mayor Houston requested 2 items be added under New Business.

#6-Advertising for receiving proposals on the Redevelopment of the Fire Station

#7-Extension of South Street West of 6<sup>th</sup> Street-Engineering Expense

**Citizen Participation**-1) Sharon Hartwell introduced Brian Creighton who is a Special Olympian with the CDC. He participates with Basketball, Baseball, Corn Hole, Bowling, and Track & Field. He enjoys participating in Special Olympics competition at Terre Haute, Indiana. He is involved in ALPS which is an Athlete Leadership Program where the individuals learn to take the message of Special Olympics into the community they reside and create awareness.

2) Tim Luby of Twin Lakes Cinema addressed the City Council on the Festivals held in downtown Monticello. He indicated that his business has been impacted by \$1,000-\$3,000 on a weekend night when the festivals and Christmas Parade are being held. He said that parking is taken up by the vendors and attendees of the events and his customers have no place to park. Mayor Houston suggested that the City attempt to be a conduit for workable solutions to the matter. Council Member Doug Pepple asked if Mr. Luby could make the activity of the festivals work to his favor. Mr. Luby was concerned about that working to his favor. Mayor Houston indicated that perhaps a compromise with the parking situation is looked into with the festival committees.

**Department Heads Reports**- Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated there was another broken water main making it #6 in 2016. Frank Arthur from the Street Department said the sign replacement project is nearing completion. Four employees from the department are going to a training session dealing with mosquito spraying. Spring Clean Up will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the eastside of Main Street and April 30<sup>th</sup> for the west side of Main Street. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue reported that the Parks Board is going to have signage installed at Altherr Nature Park. Rocks will be sandblasted by Rod Pool that indicates a trail name. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated that the Polar Plunge will be on 2-20-16. They recently raised \$1,200 at BJ Wingers. Chief Logan said that the payment adjustment for Medicaid reimbursement will be \$63,000.00. Lt. Mike Hill will be taking Weapons of Mass Destruction training in New Mexico with all expenses will be covered by Homeland Security. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that Jeremy Kyburz attended emergency vehicle operations course training at the police academy. This is so he can be an instructor. Wastewater Plant Superintendent Joe Mowrer said the contractor is still moving forward quite well.

**Committee Reports**-None

**DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR HOUSTON FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

2016 Advocate of the year Award-Rudy and Celine Vargas

2016 Trailblazer of the Year-Brian Creighton

**Old Business**-Standard Policy for Street Usage by Organizations seeking to raise funds  
Council Member Tim McQuinn made a motion to have a standard policy for this purpose. The streets allowed would be Illinois and Washington and either Main and Broadway or Main and Washington. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Ordinance 2016-02, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-12- Fixing the Salaries for appointed officers and employees of the City. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass the ordinance on first reading. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-02. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Wastewater-Discussion of an ongoing maintenance program for lining sewers and making other repairs as needed. Joe Mowrer advised the Council this approach could help lengthen the life of the pipes and the plant itself by 25 years. Joe would plan to spend up to \$75,000 annually for the maintenance program. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the plan. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. SOMA-The Streets of Monticello Association would like to have hanging flower baskets on the light poles in downtown Monticello. Kim Kramer made a motion to allow this pending an agreement stating responsibilities of each party involved. City Attorney George Loy will put the agreement together. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Discussion of City Hall Building Maintenance-Mayor Houston wanted to clarify for the Council Members that any required maintenance of the building would be funded by the Repairs and Maintenance line item out of the Council's budget. The Sewer and Water Departments would not pay for building maintenance at City Hall.
5. Discussion of an improved scanning system for digitizing records-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated that our current scanning equipment is in need of replacement. From a technology standpoint it is behind the times. Jim asked if permission could be granted to investigate other options regarding the scanning of documents. Mayor Houston echoed that the storage building at the water department is full of records. It was decided that Jim would research options and get back to the Council.
6. Permission to advertise in local newspapers for Proposals to Redevelop the Fire Station-Mayor Houston presented the Council with a cost estimate of up to \$1,200.00 to have the advertising done. Doug Pepple made a motion to appropriate the funds not to exceed \$1,200.00. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
7. Extension of South Street west of 6<sup>th</sup> Street-Mayor Houston requested the Council approve an expense of \$28,000.00 to have the engineering study completed for a 500 feet length of South Street extended west of 6<sup>th</sup> Street. This would position the City to pave the South Street Extension should money become available to do so. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the expenditure. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

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

**Miscellaneous and all other matters**-Tim McQuinn indicated he attended his first Solid Waste District meeting. They hired a staff member who would be involved in educating the public. Doug Pepple said he would be contacting the Council Members about helping with Booth Duty at the Home Show.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello