

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
Monday May 16, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday May 16, 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 Doug Pepple, Kim Kramer, Tim McQuinn and Ralph Widmer. City Attorney George Loy was also present. Councilor Phil Vogel was absent.

Minutes-Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Parks Department Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated the City Pool will be filled over the next 2 days. It takes 210,000 gallons to fill it. Also, trees were cut down and removed at the public access site for \$1,500.00. This will enable additional parking to be created. Water Superintendent Rod Pool mentioned that 92% of the meters are being read by the tower devices. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross said she will be conducting the annual pre-award survey for INDOT by the first of July. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the drain pipe on Norway Hill has been installed. Frank also said that the alley behind Diener Supply will hopefully be paved during the third week of June. Joe Mowrer from the Wastewater Department mentioned there were 3 air gaskets that turned defective. He also said there was a manhole repaired out on 6th Street. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that the Department is now undergoing training for the new reporting software program. On Father's Day the Fire Department will be playing a softball game with the West Lafayette Department as a fundraiser for White County Special Olympics. Chief Logan said they also submitted a grant to the AFG for 2,000 smoke detectors with a grant amount of \$44,500.00. Police Chief Randy Soliday reflected on the ceremony for fallen officers and indicated it was very nice and a good meal was provided. Also, he and Tyler Cosgray will be going to Colorado from June 6-10 for use of force simulator training. They can in turn train our local officers with the equipment.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business:

1. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2016-09-Amending Section 96.85 of the Monticello Code Pertaining to Right Of Way Occupation. City Attorney George Loy indicated this is the 2nd reading of the ordinance and reviewed the reason for the ordinance. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-09 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Monica Casanova-Community Conversation-ASK

Monica thanked the Council Members and the Department Heads for their participation in completing the “ASK” survey. The Library is wanting to play a part in shaping the future of Monticello. Monica engaged members of the Council and citizens that were present to share their opinions.

2. Monica Casanova-Free Little Library

Monica presented the initiative and indicated the White County Community Foundation gave the Library \$1,000.00 to help begin placing the “bird house” style libraries in highly public places throughout the City. The price range to purchase them is from \$150.00 to \$500.00. One good location would be on Constitution Plaza. Another location would be to place one at Altherr Nature Park. Monica wants to have a partnership with the City on this project and it could also include a financial commitment. The Council will have further discussions on this matter.

3. Patty Dunbar-Food Cart on Constitution Plaza-Patty introduced Cory who drives their mobile truck. Cory indicated he wanted to try and “clear the air” on what their intentions are with the food truck on Tuesday evenings with the car show/farmer’s market. Cory said they were asked to leave last Tuesday evening. Mayor Houston suggested he feels there was some miscommunication in several ways and was glad to see them present for a discussion. Tracy Cochran with Purdue Extension said the steering group with the Farmer’s Market wanted to have a food vendor at the market. Ken Prieboy spoke about his sincere interest in having a food vendor present for the car show. Historically, there has been a food vendor present. He has spoken to Steve Buschman about allowing Mitchell’s Food Truck to prepare and sell food on his property. Steve is agreeable. Tracy Cochran re-addressed the importance of having food at the event on Tuesday evening. Council Member Ralph Widmer suggested we have a short term solution and yet we need to pursue a long term policy. The Council will review the overall situation and try to arrive at a workable solution.

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-Council Member Tim McQuinn announced that a committee has been formed to look into various options with regards to the Tioga Road situation. Phil Vogel and Peggy Furrer are also on the committee.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello