

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday December 5, 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, Ralph Widmer, Tim McQuinn, and Phil Vogel. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes except for Kim Kramer who abstained.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston requested that item 7 under new business "Bicentennial Flag Dedication" be moved to #1 under new business.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Water Superintendent Rod Pool shared that there was water main break number 6 and a hydrant was knocked over. Both were repaired right away. There will be a meeting with the engineers to review estimates on East Ohio Street's water line replacement project. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported that 195 loads of leaves have been picked up. They will now focus on picking up brush one last time. Work on Tioga Hill will be resumed as well. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated they have been gathering and documenting information for ISO rating purposes (Insurance Services). The last of the information has been submitted. The department applied for an AFG grant with the purpose of purchasing 4 new heart monitors at a price of \$30,000.00 each. Chief Logan also reported that the department received a \$20,000.00 grant from the State EMA to aid in equipping the operations center at the new station. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reminded the Council about the various programs coming up at the park. The Time Capsule program will be held on 12-14-2016 and then the re-opening will be held on 10-16-2065. New Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey indicated there were 379,000 gallons of bio-solids taken to the City farm land by Merrill Brothers. A new transformer will be installed by NIPSCO which will require the plant to be placed on generator back up power for a short time. He is also working on various request for bids for 2017. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported all the officers will be updating their driving skills at the airport during an area wide training event. Shop with a Cop was a huge success with \$14,000.00 being spent on the kids.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

1. Engineering Review Ordinance 2016-26-City Attorney George Loy outlined the details of the ordinance. There was discussion regarding the language and the fees to be used in the ordinance. It was agreed that fine tuning can be made prior to the next meeting. Tim McQuinn made a motion to move the ordinance to a second reading at the Council's next meeting on 12-19. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. **Bicentennial Flag Dedication**-Mayor Houston read a letter from the State of Indiana outlining the background of the 200 Year Bicentennial events. He then read a proclamation and asked the Council, Board of Works, Clerk Treasurer and Department Heads to sign a bicentennial flag. The flag will be kept at the White County Historical Society. Curator of the Society Judy Baker received the flag from the Mayor.
2. **Public Hearing on Economic Revitalization Area-Adkev** Controller Bonnie Cothran addressed the Council regarding the Statement of Benefits SB-1/PP submitted by Adkev. She indicated 30 additional jobs are projected to be added in the coming year. City Attorney George Loy indicated the public hearing was now open to any person wishing to comment on Resolution 2016-04 City of Monticello Confirmatory Resolution for the Designation of Adkev, Inc. Economic Revitalization Area. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **Literacy Volunteers of White County-Use of Constitution Plaza**-Janice Madden requested permission to use the plaza and bandstand area on 8-12-17 from 8:00 am until noon. Mayor Houston recommended Mrs. Madden contact the White County Commissioners to confirm use of the bandstand on that day. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **KIRPC-Edwin Buswell-Financing Options for Traffic Signals**-Edwin reported to the Council that he had researched planning grants for traffic signals and there were no available options. Edwin indicated that KIRPC receives an annual planning grant from INDOT conducting traffic counts and another planning needs. He said that \$15,000.00 is the amount involved from INDOT. KIRPC could include \$10,000.00 in the grant for the City so a traffic study could be done. So, the City would need to commit to \$5,000.00. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve KIRPC to move forward with the traffic study on Hanawalt and 6th Streets.
5. **Ordinance 2016-25-Additional Appropriation Altherr Park Fund**-City Attorney George Loy indicated there was an accepted offer for the City to purchase the Houk property directly South of the Altherr Nature Park property. The Parks Board has voted to purchase the property. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Street Department-Resolution 2016-03-Encumber Funds**-The encumbered fund will be used to pay for a new loader and to pay for a traffic signal study on Broadway at Main and Illinois Streets. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
7. **Clerk Treasurer-Investment Review**-Jim Mann reviewed the intention of actions taken over the past two years how this strategy is and will be paying off.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Houston reminded the Council about SOMA's annual meeting which will be held on 12-8-2016 at the hospital from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello