

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY DECEMBER 19, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday December 19, 2016, at 6:20 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, Ralph Widmer, Tim McQuinn, and Phil Vogel. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Houston requested there be 2 items added to the agenda. Item 9 will be Discussion of E. South Street Water Main Project. Item 10 will be Police Department-Active Shooter kits.

Citizen Participation-James T Cook expressed concern regarding snow removal on downtown sidewalks. He suggested the Police Department walk in to advise the business owners there would be a \$500.00 fine if the snow was not removed in 72 hours from the time and date the notice was given.

Department Heads Reports-Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported they are doing a lot of maintenance work at the park locations. He also thanked the 39 people that attended the Time Capsule Dedication. Water Superintendent Rod Pool indicated that 5 of the 11 water main breaks have been on East South Street. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported there was an extra 75 man hours spent during the initial snow event. The most recent snowfall required 40 extra man hours. He mentioned he is still working on the details of the storm siren agreement with Union Township. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported that all the artwork for the Monticello Masters Art Contest needs to be turned in by January 11, 2017. Training will be offered by the Census Bureau on how to use the Census for grant writing purposes. This will be held at Ivy Tech. Fire Chief Galen Logan said the new fire station is secure for the winter weather. The heat has been turned on so the workers can keep moving forward. He also said they had great fun with Santa Claus and entertained 58 kids. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported there were some minor freezing issues with one lift station which was resolved. Heat is now on with 2 of the 3 buildings, so the workers can keep progressing. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported that Ryan Pyle has passed his pension physical and will begin his active duty on 12-28-16.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business

1. Engineering Review Ordinance 2016-26-2nd Reading-Mayor Houston informed the Council that White County would like the City to review projects within the City limits first and then send back to the County. Discussion centered around the review fee. Most of the expense the City is trying to defray is less than \$100.00, but some have been as high as \$1,500.00. Phil Vogel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2016-26 with the review fee being \$500.00. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

1. National Police Week-Wendy Ramsey-Wendy requested the closure of Main Street from Broadway to Washington on May 21, 2017 from 2:00-4:30 pm. Doug Pepple made a motion to permit the street closure on 5-21-2017 from 2:00-4:30 pm. Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2016-28-Transfer of Funds-The ordinance provides for \$1,408.75 to be transferred from the General Fund to the Constitution Plaza Fund. This is necessary to bring the Fund to a zero balance. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass the ordinance on first reading. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Doug Pepple made a motion to pass Ordinance 2016-28 on first reading. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2016-29-Write Off Bad Debt-The ordinance would provide for cleaning up uncollected debt in the amount of \$430.45. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass the ordinance on first reading. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-29 on first reading. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Ordinance 2016-27-Police Department Transfer of Funds-The ordinance would transfer \$2,000.00 from Medical Exams to New Equipment. It was decided to take action on Ordinance 2016-30 for the Fire Department. This would transfer \$8,000.00 from Medical Billing to New Equipment. Tim McQuinn made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass both ordinances on first reading. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Tim McQuinn made a motion to pass Ordinances 2016-27 and 2016-30 on first reading. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
Council Member Ralph Widmer asked why the ordinances were not placed on the agenda for the first meeting in December, so there would an opportunity to review them and move to a second reading/passage during the second meeting in December. Mayor Houston reinforced the position of Council Member Widmer by advising this was the second time the concern was brought forward.
5. Discussion of Cyber Security-Phil Mailloux-N2N Technologies-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve up to \$8,000.00 for Sophos protection (\$7,560.00) and the backup system (\$400). Ralph Widmer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Discussion of Technology Upgrades in Council Chambers-Mayor Houston indicated he was not in favor of the proposals discussed by the IT Committee. Doug Pepple suggested there should be other options and Mayor Houston agreed.
7. Appoint New Member to the Sick Bank Committee-Doug Pepple made a motion to appoint Brenda Elizalde to the sick bank committee. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
8. Discussion of East South Street Water Main Project-Mayor Houston made the Council aware of the project details. The City may have opportunities to apply for matching funds or Community Crossing Funds for the street resurfacing, curbs, and sidewalk part of the project. This matter will be brought up again at the next Council meeting.

9. Police Department-Active Shooter Kits-Mayor Houston outlined an opportunity to continue a partnership with the Rotary Club and purchase the kits. The Police Department would provide \$3,000.00, the Council would provide \$3,000.00, and Rotary would provide the balance. Doug Pepple made a motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2016-31 on first reading. Tim McQuinn seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Phil Vogel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2016-31 on first reading. Doug Pepple seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
10. Doug Pepple made a motion approve the expenditure of \$3,000.00 by the Police Department and the Council to spend \$3,000.00 for the active shooter kits. The Rotary Club will provide approximately \$3,000.00. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Mayor Houston reported that KIRPC will be doing a brownsfield study at Woodlawn at no cost to the City.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello