

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday October 2, 2017, 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, Tim McQuinn, Ralph Widmer and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation- None

Department Heads Reports-Wastewater Plant Supervisor Adam Downey reported that the Open House for the new treatment plant went well. Mayor Houston clarified information that was presented at the Open House. The project is \$400,000.00 under budget rather than the \$4,000.00 announced at the Open House. And, the number of homes that can be added to Monticello's sewer system as a result of the plant expansion is 1,400 not 14,000. Water Department Superintendent Rod Pool indicated it should take 2 weeks to complete the East South Street Water Main Project. The contractor does have the right for a 2 week extension, if they need it. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported she was a speaker for the Association of Indiana Counties. She is glad to see the level of engagement pick up with counties throughout Indiana. Additionally, State Certification Training will be starting soon as the details/systems are set up with INDOT. The training will also be offered online. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur stated there will be brush pick up scheduled for next week. The salt contract is set at a price of \$72.38 per ton and is the same as 2016. The department will be trimming trees in the alley. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that 5 firefighters participated in extracation training at Farney's in Wolcott. The fire department will be working with IU Health for trauma training on October 17-19. Fire Prevention Week begins on October 9, 2017. Police Chief Randy Soliday has been interviewing prospective crossing guards. He hopes to have names to present at the next Board of Works meeting scheduled for 10-16-17. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue announced a variety of programs and events at the Park such as a scavenger hunt, the Rotary Road Rally, Halloween Crafts, and Haunted Chemistry. He also reported that Voigt Park was broken into and the Police did make an arrest.

Committee Reports- None

Old Business-None

New Business

1. Public Hearing-2018 Budget-City Attorney George Loy announced the hearing (6:20 pm) is officially open for public comment. Greg Wright with Umbaugh presented cash flow estimates to the Council and others present at the hearing. The cash flows in the documentation analyze 2016-2018 information. Greg outlined the City's overall financial stability as he reviewed receipts and disbursements from the General Fund, MVH, Local Road and Street, Sidewalk and Curb, Park Non-Reverting, Rainy Day, LOIT Special Distribution, Law Enforcement Continuing Education, TIF and other bond funds. He said the City was in good financial shape. Mayor Ken Houston expressed his appreciation with the Department Heads for their efforts in managing their respective budgets. He stated the City has a balanced budget for 2018. The overall increase from 2017 will be 1.44%. There being no further questions regarding the budget; the budget hearing concluded at 6:38 p.m.
2. Ordinance 2017-12-An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Monticello, Indiana for Calendar Year 2018-First Reading-Mayor Houston stated that the ordinance provides for a 2% increase in pay for the employees. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2017-13-An Ordinance Establishing Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2018-First Reading-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Discussion of an Update to Resolution 2015-03-Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann indicated the Council adopted a resolution 2 years ago allowing the City to invest our public funds with FDIC insured financial institutions throughout the State. It has helped bring about better CD rates and therefore increased our earnings on investment. Local banks are included in this process. City Attorney George Loy will prepare a new resolution for the 10-16-17 meeting.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Doug Pepple raised the matter of the "jake" brake ordinance to which City Attorney George Loy prepared a draft for review. The matter of enforcement was discussed. George Loy indicated police enforcement is difficult. He also suggested having signage could be more effective. Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated arresting a trucker is not within the scope of the law. It is a civil action. An ordinance would be required to install a sign. Further discussion will be required.

City Attorney George Loy reported he recently spoke at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation meeting. Monticello and White County are known for their strong cooperative and collaborative relationship.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello