

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday February 5, 2018 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, Phil Vogel, and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McQuinn-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-aye, Vogel-abstain. Motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported that Dave Fagan has updated his CDL license to include the tanker endorsement. Also, F & K Construction has been making repairs to some of the older tanks at the plant. This will help reduce maintenance man hours. Accu-Dig is assisting with the broken line on US 24 just East of the Fire Department. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that Ryan Hahn is the department's newest hire and he hopes to have an approved pension physical from the State soon. The MFD is applying for an AFG grant (Assistance to Firefighters) for SCBA's (Self Controlled Breathing Apparatus) The total amount is \$290,465.00 and involves a 5% match. It would provide 70 bottles and 35 masks. There are two new PRN's (Rachel Harper and Bobby Edwards) going through firefighter training. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue outlined upcoming Park Programs. Mitch also discussed the 5 year Master Plan for the Parks Department. A questionnaire will be sent out to the Monticello Community for feedback and suggestions. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross highlighted various events as a part of Disability Awareness Month which will be held in March. Water Department Rod Pool reported they are working on applying for Planning Grants with the help of KIRPC. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the new dump truck is on the road and working very well. The Broadway Street Traffic Light replacement project is underway. The pole bases will be installed the week of 2-12-2018 pending weather. The planned sidewalk project for Broadway, South, and Juanita streets will be bid in April. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported the company I-Record has installed the new recording equipment for the interview rooms. Randy also said he will be attending the railcar training event on Saturday the 10th.

Committee Reports- Doug Pepple reported that the Sick Bank Committee has met to review the wording of the rules and discuss possible changes to clear up current concerns about their interpretation. He said it was a good meeting and Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann is formalizing prospective changes for the committee.

Old Business-None

New Business

1. Colin Betts-White County Building & Planning-2017 Annual Report
Mr. Betts was not able to attend.
2. Tim Luby-Twin Lakes Cinema-Parking-Mr. Luby asked if the parking lot behind his business could be partially blocked off (30 spaces) during festivals and the Christmas Parade. He said the lack of parking truly affects his business. If his attendance is low he is not able to get the top movies for his cinema. Council Member Tim McQuinn inquired of Mr. Luby as to his ability to change or add movie times. Mr. Luby said he could change, but he did not feel it would help the attendance very much. Council Member Doug Pepple asked if the parking lot behind the theatre is full during the Christmas Parade. The answer-yes. Ken Prieboy commented that the Festival Committee requests that the festival vendors park behind Wells Fargo. Tim Luby said not all do so. Ken said they also put out signs “cinema parking” to direct the public. Doug Pepple asked Mr. Luby if there might be a creative way to maximize the opportunity to pull the crowd for a movie when the Christmas Parade evening occurs. Doug Pepple will have a discussion with Tim Luby on what options could be made available to assist with parking.
3. Ken Prieboy-Spirit of Monticello Festival-Ken indicated the festival dates are June 22-23 and he provided a handout and a map of the downtown. Ken outlined the street closures he is requesting and a plan layout of the festival. Tim McQuinn made a motion to grant permission for the festival, street closures, and the timing as indicated on the written request. Doug Pepple seconded the request. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Streets of Monticello Association-Kathryn Springer-Update-Kathryn expressed appreciation to the City Officials, Department Heads, and volunteers who contributed to a successful 2017. SOMA sponsored the flower pots, new benches, landscaping, the Ice Cream social, and Barktober. She is requesting the date of 8-28-2018 from 5-7 pm for the Ice Cream social and 10-6-2018 from 1-4 pm for Barktober. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the request as presented. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Kathryn also requested approval to begin to approve the walkway improvements next to Wells Fargo as well as next to Stationer’s. She presented artist renderings of both walkway areas. SOMA would like to improve both areas in 2018, but the first priority would be the one next to Stationer’s. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve SOMA improving the Stationer’s walkway. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Wendy Ramsey-Partner's For A Drug Free White County-Request for Street Closure-Wendy requested Main Street be closed from Washington to Broadway Streets on May 20, 2018 from 2:00-4:30 pm in order to have their Memorial Celebration. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the request. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Clerk Treasurer-2 year Outstanding Checks-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann referred to a document he created and sent to the Council which listed outstanding checks from 2015. The Clerk Treasurer will return the money to the fund the checks were originally drawn from. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the list of outstanding checks as presented. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
7. White County Special Olympics-Bucket Shake-Lori Cheever requested approval for a bucket shake on April 7, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The bucket shake will be held at the corners of Main and Washington as well as Illinois and Washington. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the request. Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers-None

Miscellaneous and All Other Matter-Tim McQuinn reported on having a meeting with a local Boy Scout Troop in Council Chambers. The troop learned about local government, what the various responsibilities are and how the services are managed.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello