

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MARCH 18, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on March 18, 2019 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, Phil Vogel, 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 March 4, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Heads Reports-Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported the Rotary will begin to install the pier decking at the Dodge Camp access site on March 25th. Mitch also said the Parks Board approved resurfacing the concrete floors at the City pool bathhouses. There will also be new partitions for the bathhouses. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported there have been 36 frozen meters and 10 broken mains over the winter. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated he placed the 2020 salt order. The flyers for spring clean up have been printed and distributed around the City. Frank reminded everyone that bio-degradable bags will need to be used for brush and limbs. Plastic bags will not be acceptable. He also said that INDOT will be starting the US 24 East paving project on April 1st with E & B Paving beginning to mill the old pavement. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported on a variety of events as a part of Disability Awareness Month. She indicated "Miles in My Shoes" day will be on the 21st along with the Virtual Dementia Tour which simulates how a person stricken with the disease is impacted. Wastewater Supervisor Adam Downey reported Butler Fairman and Seufert is surveying manholes and outlets on the South end of the City. This is a continuation of the overall mapping project which will update documentation for the entire City. Adam also indicated he will be traveling to Washington DC to discuss our USDA LTCP project 4 with legislators. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the OPIOD Awareness Committee met for the 3rd time and will be divided into 3 subcommittees-Prevention, Treatment, and Support. Nick Green and Chad Walther completed the open water scuba diving phase of their training. He also said members of the department will be making trips to E-1 and Pierce to review fire trucks. As a result of the Union Township fire contract they will be ordering a new fire truck for 2020 delivery. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported the fundraising efforts for raising money to acquire canines is going well. He thanked the citizens of Monticello and the surrounding area for their generosity.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

1. Discussion of Creating an Ordinance Defining Role of Ordinance/Animal Control

Officer-Mayor Houston handed out two job descriptions dealing with code enforcement. He indicated the current ordinance connects responsibilities to an animal warden position. He stated the position should be revised to include additional duties. City Attorney George Loy provided a sample of a code and ordinance violation notice which combines a variety of violations on one ticket. Additionally, Mayor Houston said there have been discussions with Council President Doug Pepple on the matter of improving communications between a constituent, the police department, council members and the mayor's office where efforts are being made to remedy an issue. Also, discussion involving a computer system where the issue raised by a constituent would be trackable along with next steps and feedback has also occurred. Mayor Houston asked the Council members to review and comment on the sample job descriptions which once revisions are made would be connected to a revised ordinance.

2. Accounts Payable Vouchers-Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Phil Vogel asked about the 2 properties the City should be receiving as a result of the commissioner's tax sale. City Attorney George Loy indicated he will follow up on the status. Mayor Houston asked the Council how they would like to proceed with the old fire station. The question of getting appraisals done on the property was also raised. Ralph Widmer stated he is in favor of keeping the property and not selling. Phil Vogel agreed. Discussion among Council members included the thought of a long-term lease. There was also discussion about the lack of handicap accessibility, costs to heat the building, costs to renovate, and parking.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello