

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on October 21, 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 Councilors Kim Kramer, Tim McQuinn, Ralph Widmer and Phil Vogel. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**- Phil Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Head Reports**-ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported she will be interviewed by a research team from the University of Illinois (sponsored by Great Lakes ADA) on successful practices from the City of Monticello's perspective. The Mayor's Advisory Council for the ADA will be meeting on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss 2020 plans. There will be a play put on by 5<sup>th</sup> graders for 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the matter of Opioid Prevention. This will be observed by the Opioid Task Force. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue announced a new program involving the teaching of sign language. Katherine Tardiff will be leading this on the 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. There is a \$5.00 fee. Mitch said he is also planning a prescribed burn at Altherr Nature Park and will be asking permission of the Council in a future meeting. Mitch also said he received notice of the department obtaining a \$5,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation for a climbing wall to be located at the City pool. Water Department Superintendent Rod Pool reported the hydrant flushing was successful and he has determined that 5-7 hydrants need to be replaced/repared. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported the department is going through a maintenance and winterization process. They just received an updated NPDES permit which has a few changes. The department will also be land applying biosolids as soon as it can be coordinated with Pherson Farms. Adam then outlined various projects which Commonwealth assists the City. 1) City Spec Book for Street, Water, and Wastewater Departments. 2) Long Term Control Plan 3) RCA Neighborhood Project-OCRA 4) West Washington Street-Drainage/Sewer Separation with the Street Department 5) Master Plan for the Water Dept 6) Asset Management Plan-both utilities 7) 2019 Sanitary Sewer Assessment. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the ladder truck was tested on October 13 and a few repairs will be required. A pump test will also be done which is required every year in order to confirm ISO ratings. Fire Chief Randy Soliday reported Nate Miller will be attending ambush and lethal entry training from October 28-30. The department will be having annual firearms training on the 29-30<sup>th</sup>. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated leaf pick up will be starting next week. He also indicated the Community Crossing program continues to go well. The City just received additional funding in the amount of \$274,430.00. With our local match the total will be \$365,907.00.

## Committee Reports-None

### Old Business-

- 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2019-10 and Resolution 2019-07**-Investment of Public Funds- Mayor Houston indicated the ordinance needs to be approved first, then the resolution. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-07 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Resolution 2019-09**-Appropriations & Tax Rates for 2020 Budget-2<sup>nd</sup> reading-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-09 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 3. Ordinance 2019-12-Salaries of Elected Officials of the City of Monticello for Calendar Year 2020**-2<sup>nd</sup> reading-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. McQuinn-abstain, Kramer-aye, Vogel-aye, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.
- 4. Ordinance 2019-13-Fixing the Salaries of Appointed Officers, Public Works and Utility Employees for Calendar Year 2020**-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-13 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 5. Ordinance 2019-14-Fixing the Salaries of Public Safety Employees for Calendar Year 2020**-2<sup>nd</sup> reading-Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-14 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 6. Street Department-Request for Appraisals**-City Attorney George Loy indicated there are 2 properties in question. 215 and 217 W Pierce Street (currently owned by Mann Concrete) are adjacent to the Street Department garage. George introduced Resolution 2019-10 which upon passage would permit 2 appraisals to be done on these properties. The City would be able to purchase the property based upon the average of the 2 appraisals. Phil Vogel made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10 and allow the Mayor to appoint the 2 appraisers. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

### New Business

- 1. Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

### Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-None

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello