

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

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

Minutes-Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes except for Phil Vogel who abstained, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-Mary Horn (who is employed by Monticello Healthcare) and is serving as a volunteer for the Chamber of Commerce requested a “bucket shake” be permitted on December 7, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in order to raise funds for new Christmas Lights. Discussion among the department heads lead to the confirmation that those individuals holding the buckets must be on Main or Illinois Streets and not US 24. They should also wear a reflective vest or jacket. And, it was recommended signs be made available to advertise the purpose of the event. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the bucket shake request as presented. Phil Vogel seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports-Assistant Street Commissioner Dave Livesay reported the Christmas Lighting decorations will be put up by Friday, November 22, 2019. The department will be picking up brush and leaves. The paving work with the parking lot at the Senior Center has been finished. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated all three department shifts toured AdKev in order to conduct some pre-planning in the event a fire would occur. Galen said the department received a ceiling prop for training purposes from District 4. Chief Logan also reported on a large fire in downtown Rensselaer that the department was called to assist with. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue reported the Christmas lighting at the City Park will be completed by November 30. On December 5th there will be an ornament making class held where wood tree rounds will made into decorations. Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Adam Downey reported that Merrill Brothers has land applied over 400 tons of biosolids spread over 30 acres of our property east of Monticello. Adam sat on a career panel at Purdue University and discussed water trends and issues with students and faculty. Adam also indicated soil borings have been completed on some aspects of project 4 with the long- term control plan. More will be done once easement acquisitions have finalized. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported the Community Foundation awarded a Women Giving Together Grant to the Mayor’s Advisory Council for sign language training. The Christmas Holiday Wellness Event will be held at Brandywine on December 6th. Police Chief Randy Soliday indicated he will be attending a meeting with NIPSCO regarding the Oakdale Dam on the 21st. Randy also said the department will be receiving 15 new radios with the fire department receiving 17. This is through a grant award in the amount of \$148,911.91. The \$7,000.00 grant from IPEP will fund 7 new AED’s and 5 additional

AED's will be funded through the Police Department's budget. This will equip all squad cars. Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported the first broken water main of the season occurred on the 16th. Also, Merrill Brothers recently pumped out arsenic and other sludge from the plant.

Committee Reports-None

Public Hearing-RCA Neighborhood Water System Improvements-OCRA-CDBG-Wastewater Drinking Water Program-Mayor Houston introduced Emily Albaugh of KIRPC who opened the public hearing at 6:24 pm. Emily outlined the background of the City's efforts to apply for \$600,000 of CDBG funds with the City committing to a match of \$262,550.00. She indicated this will be the second attempt to obtain the grant as the program is highly competitive. Andrew Robarge of Commonwealth Engineering updated the Council on the project involving the replacement of water mains in the project area and that nothing has changed with the project details. Emily indicated that there were 22 applicants when the City applied several months ago and that only 8 were awarded funding. There are also 22 applicants in this funding period. Andrew indicated improvements were made with the details of the application to try to improve the score. City Attorney George Loy said the public hearing was closed as of 6:30 pm. Resolution 2019-11 was then introduced which allows the City to move forward with the application and commit the local match. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-11 as presented. Phil Vogel seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business-

- 1. First Reading Ordinance 2019-15 Amending Rates & Charges with the Wastewater Utility**-City Attorney George Loy summarized the details of the ordinance which were introduced at the 11-4-2019 Council meeting. Tim McQuinn made a motion to move the ordinance to a 2nd reading and public hearing for 12-16-2019. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Phil Vogel inquired as to the reason behind the rates for apartments and industrial being lower than residential as found in section 1. After discussion among the council, department heads and the city attorney as to why this was the case it was decided to take the matter into consideration in 2020 as rates are being analyzed in advance of receiving SRF funding for future projects. Mayor Houston restated there was a motion and a 2nd on the floor. Vote taken with all ayes, motion carried.
- 2. First Reading Ordinance 2019-16 Amending Rates & Charges with the Water Utility**-Phil Vogel made a motion to move the ordinance to a 2nd reading and public hearing on 12-16-2019. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

- 1. Cathy Gross-Update on ADA Transition Plan & Title VI of the Civil Rights Act**-Cathy addressed the Council about the need for an annual review and update to the documents since it is a federal requirement. The annual updates are to be included in the minutes.

2. **Ordinance 2019-17-Transfer of Funds**-Mayor Houston indicated this would be to move \$110.00 from Subscription & Dues-2391 to Part Time Secretary-2113. Phil Vogel made a motion to move Ordinance 2019-17 to a 2nd reading. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **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 announced the Monticello Redevelopment Commission received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation for work on the “river walk”.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello