

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on February 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Councilors Kim Kramer, Bill Cheever, Ken Houston, and Doug Pepple. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 21, 2020 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-Kathleen Gross requested that Happy Tails be allowed to hold a bucket drop on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 8:15 pm at the intersections of Main & Broadway and Broadway & Illinois. Kathleen reported that a new roof will be put on their building as a result of the generosity of the Community Foundation and the Liberty Township Trustee. She also pointed out that Happy Tails is a “no kill” shelter. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the bucket drop request from Happy Tails. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Department Head Reports**-Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported that he has attended mandatory schooling for 2 days to keep his license current. Additionally, Wade Cohagen and Brad Haygood will be attending courses over the next 2-3 weeks. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported departmental overtime hours (snow removal) dropped from 203 hours in January 2019 to 10 hours in January 2020. Frank announced that Spring Clean Up will be April 4<sup>th</sup> for the East side of Main Street and April 11<sup>th</sup> for the West side of Main Street. Frank also indicated the City Auction has been tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2020. He is waiting on a contract with the Auctioneer, Gary Olson. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported that Ryan Hahn became a licensed paramedic on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Chief Logan attended a meeting of Homeland Security where the possibility of a Training Academy for firefighters was discussed. Also, the fire department updated their certifications for cardiac life support with the training assistance provided by Connie Jordan of IU White Memorial Hospital. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported on various maintenance activities at the park. The equipment stolen from the recent burglary event has been replaced. And, the Twin Lakes Welding Class has repaired the merry-go-round lady bug in the children’s play area at City Park. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey indicated the department has been working on adjusting the height of manhole lids in advance of future street paving projects. Adam also thanked Frank Arthur for loaning one of the Street Department employees to help with that task as well as sewer jetting. He also reported on the 95% design meeting with the long term control plan (CSO’s). Commonwealth Engineering will be submitting permits and conducting soils borings. He said he hopes to have the next projects ready to bid this June. Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter reported the officers are going through a recertification process with AED’s and CPR. The new portable radios are being programmed. And, each

squad car has an AED. Jason also reported that he will begin reviewing the 12 applications received for the open patrolman position. Ordinance Officer Rich Lee has been tagging vehicles and having vehicles towed and removed. ADA Coordinator Kathryn Tardiff reported on many activities planned for Disability Awareness Month. On March 11 there will be the annual Disability Awareness Month Awards event held at the Fire Department. On March 12 the Lafayette Spinners wheelchair basketball exhibition will be held at Twin Lakes High School. There will also be the departmental challenge games. Miles in my Shoes Day is planned for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**-None

### **Old Business**-None

### **New Business**

#### **1. White County Building & Planning-Joe Rogers-Amendment to Zoning Ordinance A61-**

Joe Rogers addressed the Council regarding the actions of the Plan Commission. The amendment passed by the Commission did two things. It removed conflicting duplications and redundancies with set back standards found in the ordinance and in the appendix. It also restricted accessory structure use (shipping containers, boxcars, and manufactured homes) in residential and commercial districts. It was brought up that there are training containers on fire department property. Joe Rogers indicated that if these had been properly permitted they would have been grandfathered. There was also discussion among those present that a variance would be required through the Board of Zoning Appeals. Fire Chief Galen Logan indicated there are currently 6 training containers at the station. Mayor Gross asked if the process would be different since the containers at the Fire Department are used for training purposes. Joe Rogers said a variance would still be required because they are classified as an accessory structure. Mayor Gross expressed concern about the mobility of the training containers. The concern would be with regards to identifying the location of the containers for the Plan Commission and then the location naturally changing due to the training regimen of the Fire Department. Joe Rogers recommended that a parcel variance be provided rather than a specific location variance (through the BZA) which would allow for the desired mobility. Joe indicated there is precedence for the “blanket” parcel variance. Council member Ken Houston asked if there would be any consideration by the Plan Commission based upon a container being a training apparatus. Mayor Gross suggested that tabling the matter would allow establishing clarification and direction with the Plan Commission. City Attorney George Loy indicated there is a 90 day time frame for the City to act on the amendment and if there is no action taken it will be considered approved by the Plan Commission. Kim Kramer made a motion to table action on Amendment A61. Ken Houston seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, Pepple-nay, and Houston-aye. Motion carried.

Joe Rogers also asked the Council to review and update the land use maps developed for the City of Monticello during the last revision of the White County Comprehensive Plan. Joe said he would like to meet with 2 Council members and Mayor Gross to discuss this matter in the next 2-3 weeks.

**Miscellaneous and all other matters**-None

**Adjournment**-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello