

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on March 16, 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 Bill Cheever, Kim Kramer, and Ralph Widmer. Ken Houston and Doug Pepple were available by telephone. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 2, 2020 as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kramer-aye, Cheever-aye, Widmer-abstain. Motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-Mayor Cathy Gross requested the addition of item 7 under New Business-Discussion of ADA Opportunity. This was added with no objection.

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Head Reports**-Police Chief Jason Lingenfelter indicated in light of the COVID 19 situation the department was trying to keep up with the hourly developments. Street Superintendent Frank Arthur reported that Spring Clean up was still being planned for April 4 and 11. He said that E & B Paving is planning to be in the City to fulfill the contract we have with Community Crossings by the end of April. Also, the new street lights on Fisher Street have been installed. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the department is very busy. Mayor Cathy Gross indicated the activities with ADA/Mayor's Advisory Council have been postponed. On behalf of Wastewater Supervisor Adam Downey Mayor Gross emphasized that ONLY toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet. Park programs have also been postponed. And, Mayor Gross indicated that the COVID-19 virus is not water borne....the drinking water is safe.

**Committee Reports**-None

## Old Business-

1. **RMA Engineering Contract-Marion & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stormwater Assessment-Consider Funding Proposal**-Mayor Cathy Gross outlined the funding proposal as follows; Council Engineering-\$10,000.00, Council Contractual-\$5,000.00, Rainy Day-\$25,000.00, Street Dept-\$10,025.00, and Wastewater-\$5,000.00. This totals the contract amount of \$55,025.00. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve the funding proposal as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Consideration of Area Plan Accessory Structure Amendment**-Area Plan Director Joe Rogers provided background on this amendment. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported the required Area Plan permit has been posted on the department's building for having accessory structures for training purposes located on fire department property. Bill Cheever made a motion to approve Amendment A61. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

## New Business

1. **Knights of Columbus-Tootsie Roll Drive**-Lori Cheever made the presentation on behalf of Steve Goodwin. Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the fundraiser request to be held on June 5 and 6, Friday 8-5 and Saturday 9-12. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **Walk After School Day-Susan Jordan**-Susan made a presentation on the event which will be done with the cooperation of the Woodlawn School Boys & Girls Club. Mayor Gross indicated the route (for safety reasons) should include streets where there are sidewalks such as Woodlawn and O'Connor. It was decided to table the request and have Susan attend a future Department Heads meeting to discuss and iron out the details.
3. **Judy Baker-Military Boat Parade-Tabled**
4. **Area Plan-Rezone 1125-Englert and Zoning Ordinance Amendments A62-Solar Farm Setback and A63-B5-Traditional Zoning District**-Area Plan Director Joe Rogers presented a rezone petition 1125 involving a property located at 713 N Railroad Street in Monticello. The request is to rezone from B-2 General Business to R-2 Single & Two-Family Residential because the owner desires to rebuild a larger home on this property. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the rezone 1125 as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Joe Rogers presented Amendment A62 regarding Solar Farm setbacks. The amendment is meant to waive setback requirements where abutting side and rear property lines are captured in the same solar farm complex. It also includes a pollinator clause so that native grasses will be planted in the setback area. Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve Amendment A62 as presented. Bill Cheever seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Joe Rogers also presented Amendment A63 regarding B5 Transitional Zoning Districts. This amendment will provide a general business district designation which restricts uses to those least likely to create a nuisance for neighboring residential districts. Ralph Widmer made a motion to

approve Amendment A63 as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

5. **Restrictions on Vacations (added)** Mayor Gross discussed the ramifications of any of our City employees taking a vacation out of the state amid the coronavirus issue. The Mayor indicated there will be department head meeting on Wednesday morning (3-18) to further discuss the matter. She requested feedback from the Council members in advance of the meeting.
6. **Discussion of Sick Pay (added)** Mayor Gross indicated there may be re-imbusement opportunities through the Federal Government as a result of emergency situations with the coronavirus. This would involve businesses and government entities regarding sick pay, overtime, and vacations. She is and will be seeking information from the government on this.
7. **Suspending Utility Shut Offs-**Mayor Gross requested that the Council consider a pause on water shut offs during this virus outbreak period.
8. **Accounts Payable Vouchers-**Council member Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellanoeous and all other matters-**None

**Adjournment-**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello