

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MAY 18, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on May 18, 2020 at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was done via zoom and 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, Ralph Widmer. Ken Houston and Doug Pepple. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

Minutes-Ken Houston made a motion to approve the minutes from the joint meeting of Board of Works and Council May 4 2020 and Special Council meeting of May 11 2020 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kramer-abstain, Cheever-aye, Widmer-aye, Pepple-aye and Houston-aye. Motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Cathy Gross requested item 2 be deleted. The Mayor would like to add as number 3 “Return to Work Plan”.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-Mayor Gross indicated she has received reports from each department head. She asked that Council members raise any questions of them at this time. There was discussion on various matters within the City departments, but no action taken.

Committee Reports-None

Mayor Cathy Gross requested Cindy Beck Warren be allowed to present her information on the Welcome Magazine. Cindy said the price is \$210.00 and the 10,000 copies will be produced. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the advertisement with the amount to be split among Council, Mayor and Clerk Treasurer’s budget. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Ken Houston suggested the Council consider budgeting in 2021 for advertising expenses.

Proclamations-Mayor Gross read proclamations for Red Poppy Month and Nurse’s Month.

Old Business-

- 1. Discussion of Cruise In Car Show**-After discussion on the matter of the car show, the Governor’s order with COVID-19 and how the Council would like to proceed it was decided to have Ken Prieboy complete an application to hold the car show. Jason Lingenfelter and Frank Arthur will meet with Ken to share ideas on where and when the car show could be scheduled. It was noted that there will be construction going on in the City and this should be considered.

New Business

1. **Welcome Magazine**-Action taken earlier in the meeting.
2. **Utilities**-Discussion of Payment Plan-Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann outlined an approach to managing a payment plan option where all past due customers at the 90 days level would automatically be placed on a plan effective August 1 2020 through the end of 2020. The 90 day amount due would be split over the remaining months. There would be no paperwork required between the customer and the City. Mayor Gross said that the payment plan option would be incorporated into the “return to work” policy documentation. Ken Houston asked if the payment plan would impact the revenue due to the City. Bill Cheever inquired what percentage of water customers would be impacted. Ralph Widmer suggested it is an unknown as to whether the challenged utility customers will have more income in the short term and this may require a longer period of time to get caught up with their bills. City Attorney George Loy indicated a resolution would be required. There was discussion regarding the length of time (# of months) for a utility customer to pay the current and 90 day past due amount. A consensus was arrived at by using a 17 month period (through the end of 2021) which the 90 day past due amount would be divided over.
3. **Return to Work Plan**-Mayor Cathy Gross reported that she put together a draft document of a “Return-To-Work-Plan” as a first pass at such a plan. She said the concepts and information was taken in part from the plan Plainfield put together. White County is also working on a plan. She encouraged the Council and Board of Works to provide comments and asked questions.
4. **Accounts Payable Vouchers**-Council member Ralph Widmer made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pepple-aye, Houston-abstain, Cheever-aye, Kramer-aye, and Widmer-aye. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-Council President Doug Pepple thanked Adam Downey for his work with and for the City. Sentiments offered by other council members and the clerk treasurer.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello