

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on August 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Note: Meeting started at 6:24 pm) Mayor Cathy Gross called the meeting to order and all present said 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-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 meeting of the Council as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-None

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-ADA Coordinator Katherine Tardiff reported that she recently completed translations of Gov Holcomb's Executive Orders 37, 38, and 39 into Spanish and posted them on the City's website and Facebook page. Katherine also created a guide for the wearing of masks. This is also on the City's website and is meant to be a helpful tool for local businesses. Good news! The City received a \$1,500.00 grant from the Community Foundation for Sensory Bags which can be used by the schools and the Boys & Girls Club. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the City auction will be going live online beginning August 18th and will end on the 27th. Frank said we are still waiting to hear from INDOT on the status of the Community Crossings program in 2020. Assistance Chief Tony Stroup reported there have been many semi-truck issues and citations are being issued. He said Officers Holmes and Cox attended "interview school" and Officers Blake and Clark traveled with the canines to get them re-certified. Tony indicated the hiring process for a new officer is in the polygraph stage and moving forward. Assistant Fire Chief Craig Green thanked Mayor Gross and former Mayor Houston for their efforts in successfully negotiating the ambulance agreement with White County. Craig indicated the work is ongoing with the training center with progress being made on painting and new structures being added. He said the annual physicals will be completed on August 17, 18 and 19. Wastewater Superintendent Bob Lindley reported IDEM did a full inspection on August 4th. Bob said it went well. Monticello Healthcare installed a grinder system which will clean up and improve the ongoing issues with the sewer connection. Bob stated he has been reviewing the applications for the available wastewater operator position. Wessler Engineering began conducting smoke testing of sewer lines today (August 17). Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported there are two leaks on newly blacktopped roads. One is on Condo Street and the other is on US 24 West. Park Department Superintendent Mitch Billue reported quotes have been received on the pool resurfacing and for building a patio at the Nature Center. Rite Way will do the work at the pool and Norway Gardens will do the patio. The Rotary Club assisted with moving the Welcome to Monticello sign as did the Norway Garden Shop.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-

1. **Update/Discussion on Old Fire Station Funding Options**-Mayor Gross reported that she and Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann met via Zoom with representatives of Baker Tilly to discuss the Riverwalk Project, the old Fire Station, the creation of a new TIF district and financial considerations relative to all of the above. Jim Mann indicated an agreement with Baker Tilly will be sent to us soon. The agreement should not exceed \$15,000.00.

New Business

1. **Additional Appropriation Resolution-Fire Department**-City Attorney George Loy outlined this is on the agenda for information only and there will be a public hearing on September 8, 2020. It must be advertised prior to the next Council meeting and then can be adopted on the 8th.
2. **First Reading of Transfer Ordinance 2020-07-Clerk Treasurer**-Doug Pepple made a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-07 on first reading and move it to a second reading for September 8, 2020. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **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- Mayor Cathy Gross reported that the City will know (yea or nay) on the 27th about its recent application to OCRA for the Small Business Grant Program.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello