

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JUNE 7, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross at 6:10 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was conducted in person and virtually using the Zoom virtual meeting format.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Mayor Cathy Gross, Councilors Bill Cheever, Ken Houston, Kim Kramer, and Doug Pepple. City Attorney George Loy was also present. Mayor Gross, Councilor Ralph Widmer, Clerk Jim Mann and City Attorney George Loy were present and in person. Councilors Bill Cheever, Kim Kramer, Ken Houston and Doug Pepple were present virtually.

Minutes-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 17, 2021 as presented. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes except for Ralph Widmer who abstained, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions-Mayor Gross requested that the “Discussion of an Alcoholic Beverage Permit for the Spirit Festival” be added as number 5 on the agenda under new business. No objections noted so the request was approved.

Citizen Participation-None

Department Head Reports-ADA Coordinator Katherine Tardiff provided an update on the success of the NAMI presentation held at the Public Library, the stipend from the Community Foundation, and translations of the most recent executive orders in Spanish for the City’s website. Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan reported that the department has been changing out meter heads and thanked Brad Haygood for his hard work during the time that he and Jeff Watts were ill. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur indicated the street painting has been finished. He is hoping to have quotes on street microsurfacing and rejuvenation by the meeting of June 21, 2021. There were 150 tons of trash picked up during spring clean up. Wastewater Supervisor Bob Lindley reported that the Collection Systems Improvement Project is moving along. The deepest dig in the project will be 28 feet. Accu-Dig will be repairing sewer lines at the 3rd Street and Broadway area. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue reported there have been many seasonal employees hired for the pool and park. The climbing wall was installed at the City Pool. 126 individuals have registered for swim lessons and many have used the Rec Desk program to sign up. Assistant Chief Tony Stroup indicated Dr. Dardeen will be offering mental health training for the police officers. He asked the public to make sure to lock their vehicles overnight. He will be picking up a new squad car which will go to Officer Dane Holmes. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported there was a training session on June 2 facilitated by St. Elizabeth on neo-natal and ob-gyn care. Yaritza Sanchez will be taking her national registry written exam soon. The new fire truck is awaiting its final components and will be delivered as soon as it is completed.

Committee Reports-None

Old Business-None

New Business

1. **Ball Corporation-Statement of Benefits**-Steve Mathis with Ball Corporation outlined the details of the statement of benefits documents for the Council. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve the CF-1 PP as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
2. **SOMA-Request to Use Constitution Plaza**-Lori Cheever informed the Council that SOMA has received permission to use the gazebo from the White County Commissioners. She said that SOMA wants to use the plaza area for their event and no cars or tents will be involved. Ken Houston made a motion to approve the use of Constitution Plaza by SOMA on June 27, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **Solar Farm Resolution-Consent for Tax Abatement**-Mayor Gross indicated this is intended for discussion purposes. City Attorney George Loy outlined the background on the development of the Solar Farm project. He said the tax abatement is only on the personal property. The City has TIF areas which will be positively impacted by the Solar Farm Development. George indicated that the Council needs to approve the SB-1 from Twin Lakes Solar LLC. Ralph Widmer made a motion to table the Solar Farm resolution. Bill Cheever seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Consideration of Joint Resolution-Electronic/Virtual Meetings**- Bill Cheever made a motion to table the electronic meetings resolution as presented. Ralph Widmer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
5. **Discussion of Alcoholic Beverage Permit-Spirit Festival**-Darin Griesey representing the Spirit Festival explained that the Alcoholic Beverage Commission requires consent by the Council either through the minutes or a signed, written document. Mayor Gross indicated a letter will be generated which will state that the Council agrees to the alcoholic beverage permit for the Spirit Festival. The Council will sign it as well. No objections were noted by any Council members.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters-Ken Houston expressed concerns about parking at Altherr Nature Park during recent evening events and encouraged Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue and the Parks Board to review the situation for improvements. Ken also discussed various issues regarding the S Main Street Water Main project and asked about the timing on the sidewalk project. City Engineer Jason Miller responded with feedback as he understood it.

Adjournment-There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

James D Mann
Clerk Treasurer
City of Monticello