

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on September 16, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by Mayor Aaron Sims. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. While the meeting was conducted in person, it was also available via Zoom and live on Facebook.

Roll Call: Called by Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Shanda Cortez, Dave Patty, Gary Allen and Bill Cheever.

Minutes: Councilor Gary Allen moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2024; Councilor Dave Patty seconded. The vote: Councilor Shanda Cortez abstained, all others aye.

Additions & Deletions: - None

Citizen Participation: Tammy Ward Buschman expressed disappointment in the property maintenance of neighboring properties and noise/light pollution coming from Burger King, especially with recent construction at the site. She shared photos with the Council and Mayor. Police Chief Clark reminded all that Ordinance Enforcement Officer Lee has been recovering from a medical procedure. Chief Clark pledged the matters would be addressed upon his return.

Department Head Reports: Written reports were submitted to the Council and Mayor prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

1. Ordinance 2024-14 “Ordinance Violations Fines” second reading was moved for approval by Councilor Gary Allen, seconded by Councilor Bill Cheever. All ayes.

New Business:

1. Public Hearing and 1st Reading on the 2025 City Budget: City Attorney George Loy explained that by law a public hearing is required for the budget. The hearing opened at 6:34 pm. Mayor Sims asked if there were any questions. With no questions by anyone, the public hearing was closed at 6:38 pm. Councilor Shanda Cortez made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-16 For Appropriations and Tax Rates For 2025 on first reading and move it on to a second reading for the October 7th Council Meeting. Councilor Gary Allen seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. White County Area Plan Rezone Petition #1198: Area Plan Executive Director, Jenilynne Kyburz, explained the rezone request at 956 Foxwood Ct, Monticello, from R-2 (Single and Two-Family Residential) to R- 3 (Multi-Family Residential) with a unanimous recommendation from the Area Plan Commission. After consideration, Councilor Bill Cheever moved to accept the recommendation and Councilor Gary Allen seconded the motion. All ayes.
3. Halloween Activities: After a brief discussion, Councilor Bill Cheever moved to have “Beggars Night” on Saturday, October 26th from 5pm to 8pm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shanda Cortez. All ayes.
4. Accounts Payable Vouchers (APV’s): After reviewing the voucher report, Councilor Gary Allen moved to accept the report as presented, Councilor Dave Patty seconded the motion. All ayes.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple expressed his appreciation to Mayor Simms, Councilors Bill Cheever and Gary Allen (Budget Committee) and all Department Heads for the diligence and cooperation in assembling the City’s 2025 budget.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mayor Sims adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello