

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on September 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Dave Patty, Kim Kramer, Gary Allen and Bill Cheever.

Minutes: Councilor Kim Kramer moved to approve the minutes of August 19, 2024; Councilor Gary Allen seconded. All ayes.

Additions & Deletions: - Add ADA Request as Item #3 under New Business

Citizen Participation: - None

Department Head Reports:

ADA – Director Diane Bunnell continues her studies with webinars. So far, there is no interest in Liz’s Lift. Therefore, considering offering it in an upcoming City auction with a reserve price may be the approach. All were reminded of the deadline for LEP reports to be turned in to her for the ADA Transition Plan. With new regulations ADA is checking for violations to bring matters into compliance.

Parks – 373 swim lessons this year, smashing the old record of 268. Eagle Scout projects at the Nature Center are concluding. Staff have been busy refreshing the playgrounds with some completed so far. Upcoming programs: Lunar Eclipse; Fall Stars Jam Concert; Rocket Launch competition. Superintendent Mitch Billue reported he will be a featured speaker at the Indiana Parks and Rec conference in French Lick on October 5th.

Fire – Chief Cody Scheurich announced the 2nd round of interviews with candidates and Captains. He is hopeful it will yield 4 strong employees. October 30-31 all full-time staff are included in Leadership Training. All will be challenged to identify problems and solutions with MFD. A recent structure fire in Carroll County resulted in seamless mutual aid response.

Police – Chris Blake and K-9 Aron got 2nd place in recent K-9 Olympics. Assistant Chief Kyburz reported Chief Clark along with NIPSCO discussed strategies following the recent flooding in the Bluewater area. He was pleased to announce the improved look of the MPD lobby.

Wastewater – Bruce Wilson reported roundabout construction needed attention and resulted in adjusting manholes to their proper level, eliminating potential bumps when the road is final-surfaced. Deep, long and large sewer line north of CDC to Short Street is in need of replacement. A temporary repair was done at this time. New lines to accommodate Meadowlawn Elementary School expansion have been connected. Employee Connor Welsh is preparing for his certifying test with IDEM.

Street – Projects completed: North Main and Shoppers’ Concourse. Superintendent Frank Arthur said final touches will be lighting soon in both areas. Beechwood project restarting as contractor, Milestone, is back in town. Sidewalk replacement/repair to resume next week. Railroad crossing on 6th Street (near recycling center) is to be replaced this month, resulting in the street being closed for 2 or 3 days. Police and Fire have been alerted.

Water – Superintendent Brad Haygood said the new main and service lines have been installed on Hillcrest. Waiting on easements agreements for the water line for Turpie to Hannawalt. The Foxwood duplex project is now readied with water service. Fire hydrant at the Roundabout site is set up. Meter pits in the Beechwood project have been moved where possible. 106 new water meter heads have been replaced.

Old Business – None

New Business –

1. First reading of Ordinance #2024-13 Amending Tap Charges. After some discussion Councilman Cheever moved to move the Ordinance on to its second reading. Councilman Allen seconded. All ayes. Attorney Loy reminded all of the need for a public hearing before a 2nd reading. Due to a 10 day window for public announcement, the hearing will occur on Monday, October 7th at 6pm.
2. First reading of Ordinance #2024-14 Amending Violations Penalties to the Nuisance Ordinance – Councilman Cheever moved to move the Ordinance on to its second reading. Councilman Allen seconded. All ayes.
3. ADA Director Grant Request – Diane Bunnell request permission to apply for the 2nd round of grants from the Community Foundation. Councilor Kramer moved to permit the grant application, seconded by Dave Patty. All ayes.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: - None

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mayor Sims adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello