

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on August 19, 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 Shanda Cortez, Dave Patty, Kim Kramer, Gary Allen and Bill Cheever.

Minutes: Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2024, Councilor Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes.

Additions & Deletions: - Add Monticello Fire Department Presentation to the first item on the agenda and Streets of Monticello (SOMA) at the end of the agenda.

Citizen Participation: - None

Department Head Reports:

The Department Heads submitted written reports to the Mayor and Councilors for their review. There were no questions.

Committee Reports: – Council President Bill Cheever reported a working group met August 9th to discuss the Utility Adjustment process. He deferred to working group member Shanda Cortez for her report. She reported the group heard a presentation from Servline. Servline provides customer insurance to cover excessive utility bills due to unforeseen circumstances for a low monthly premium, which would be assessed on the monthly billing. The working group will continue considerations.

Old Business: - None

New Business:

1. MFD Chief Scheurich introduced Tammy Garber who experienced a heart attack at Indiana Beach on July 7, 2023. The MFD “A” Shift responded and diagnosed chest pains and heart attack symptoms. They immediately administered CPR and medications. Tammy was transported to our local hospital and subsequently to Lafayette for a lifesaving procedure. Tammy wanted to personally expressed her appreciation for their lifesaving effort. Chief Scheurich presented Life Save medals to the six members of the “A” shift to the applause of the attendees.
2. Homecoming Parade – Griffin Hornung, vice president of the Twin Lakes High School Student Council requested permission to conduct the annual parade on the same routes used before on Sept 27th from 4 to 5pm. Councilor Bill Cheever conditionally moved to approve, subject to the appropriate event paperwork is submitted to the mayor’s office and approved by public safety and street departments. Councilor Dave Patty seconded. All ayes.
3. White County Area Plan Commission Zoning Amendment to Zoning Ordinance #A79 – Chapter 7: Renewable Energy Systems – Monticello Ordinance #2024-12– Director Jenilynne Kyburz presented the findings of the commission to approve and present to the Council. She reminded the Council that this matter requires a decision within 90 days else it will automatically be adopted as presented. She further said it was presented for approval to the County Commissioners earlier and they chose to table the matter for further consideration. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to table the matter, Councilor Dave Patty seconded; all ayes.

4. Accounts Payable Vouchers – Councilor Bill Cheever moved to approve and Councilor Dave Patty seconded; all ayes
5. Brandi Page of SOMA asked permission to seek a \$7,500 grant from the Arts Commission to provide colorful painted crosswalks in the downtown area. The deadline is September 5th for the application. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to approve and Councilor Kim Kramer seconded; all ayes.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters:

1. Councilor Bill Cheever and Brandi reminded all of the August 27th SOMA Ice Cream Social downtown.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello