

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JULY 1, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on June 17, 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; Councilors Shanda Cortez, Dave Patty and Bill Cheever; and City Attorney George Loy.

**Minutes:** Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Council meeting. Dave Patty seconded the motion. all other ayes, the motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions:** - None

**Citizen Participation:** - None

**Department Head Reports:**

ADA Coordinator Diane Bunnell reported the recent bowling fundraiser was successful and looking to bigger event next year. She pointed out Liz's Lift (a device for lifting wheelchair bound individuals to platforms not accessible via a ramp) has never been used in the 10 years it was acquired. She would like to sell it and use the proceeds for other initiatives. She found some instances of a lack of accessibility during the Spirit of Monticello Festival

Fire Chief Cody Scheurich said the transport was recently BLS recertified (every two years). The Medical Director participated in several runs and then discussed his audit of the paramedics' performances with the department. 6 month's report: 1,720 calls for service (80% ambulance) and expressed appreciation for the police departments in their assistance.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue related the ADA trail at the City Park access site has been completed. Swimming lessons will set a record with over three hundred youngsters learning to swim. Ideas for enhancing the planters at the city pool were brought up. Councilor Cheever asked Mitch to prepare a budget for those enhancements. Pavilion reservations are at 100, exceeding expectations. Estimates of nearly 8,000 people have enjoyed our facilities through these reservations. Eagle Scouts building a "wingspan" display. Come down to the nature center to see it.

Police Chief Travis Clark announced the new rifles are being shipped. Dr. Dardeen has been invited to the Department Head meeting to explain her services as a resource for those who have experienced mental trauma. Captain Tony Stoup just experienced his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with department. Meetings to discuss the nuisance ordinance are on-going. He reported on the bomb threat at Kroger and how well all the agencies and resources worked efficiently and effectively. Questions about fireworks should be referenced back to the Indiana State Police website for guidance.

Water Department Manager Brad Haygood said an old leaking valve at Fisher and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets was replaced. The annual Merrill Brothers cleaning up of the backwash holding tank was completed. 31,000 gallons of backwash waste. IDEM and EPA approved the Consumer Confidence Report and will be mailed out soon.

Wastewater Department report by Bruce Wilson explained Accudig made a repair in the alley of 220 Railroad Street on June 17<sup>th</sup>. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> connection missed by Cleary Construction. Since this was done in 2020 the warranty for their work had expired. City Engineer Jason Miller approved parking lot storm lines redesign. Two rain barrels were delivered. June 18<sup>th</sup> the generator was serviced per the agreement with Cummins. Phosphorus levels were tested and deemed appropriate. The secondary flowmeter dropped out on 6/20. An improved flowmeter replaced it.

Street Superintendent Frank Arthur reported, “We are tearing up everything we can possible think of!” Seriously, he reported Main Street is progressing well and expects completion by Milestone at the end of July. Community Crossings Part 2 applications are now being accepted. Shoppers’ Concourse progressing nicely. Marion Street Corrections Building construction has gotten into the streets and he expects more of that before they have completed the project. Fence project at the garage is completed.

**Committee Reports:** - None

**Old Business:** - NJ Properties Statement of Benefits – Dave Jordan from NJ Properties explained the company’s performance versus the tax abatement expectations outlined on their compliance form #CF-1. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to continue the abatement and Shanda Cortez seconded. All ayes, the motioned carried.

**New Business:**

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters:** -

Mayor Sim reminded all of the S.O.M.A. golf outing on July 12.

Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple invited the Council to attend an AIM webinar describing how to locally define and design a” DORA” and applying for a “DORA” (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) permit from the state. The webinar will be held in the conference room at 10:30am on Monday, July 8.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello