

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JUNE 3, 2024**

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

**Minutes:** Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 Council meeting. Dave Patty seconded the motion. Bill Cheever abstain, all others ayes, the motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions:** - None

**Citizen Participation:** - None

**Department Head Reports:**

ADA – Diane Bunnell announced the next event will be the bowling & corn hole event fund raiser for funds to buy an adult changing table for the city parks. The event is scheduled for June 15. She also was pleased to report the Community Foundation of White County awarded the changing table effort with a \$7,000.00 grant. With this nearly 5 tables are now funded. (The goal is 7.)

Fire – Chief Cody Scheurich reported the Paramedic School was approved with a letter of review. The school will be housed in our fire station and owned by two of our firefighters. The department is the only one in the state to do this. The first class is expected to start next January.

Parks – Superintendent Mitch Billue reported there was free fishing last weekend – fun for all who were there. Walking Wednesday at either 9am or 5pm is gaining momentum. 19 walked together recently. Friday evening will include the June Bug Jam at the Nature Park. June 28 will be the Hoots and Howls program at the Nature Park, too.

Police – Chief Travis Clark explained the Ride to School (Meadowlawn) with the Musall family was a success. School Bus Safety training at Twin Lakes provided by MPD.

Water – Brad Haygood announced pump and well inspections were completed by Peerless. Water Loss audit underway.

Wastewater – Superintendent Bob Lindley said a sink hole developed near the plant. No structural damage and has been repaired. West Washington Street lift station control panel malfunctioned and is now repaired. HWC has revised the plan for the City Park lift station per our request. The new plan will accommodate 180 new homes versus the original 140. Preparation has begun to demo the former McCloud house.

Street – Superintendent Frank Arthur reported the meeting with INDOT in LaPorte was productive. INDOT announced the Highway Systems Improvement Projects (HSIP) grant will provide for many more dollars that will require a 10% match from the city. Discussions have begun on some projects. Street traffic restrictions will begin soon with construction in some downtown areas. Shoppers Concourse repairs will be addressed within the next two weeks.

**Committee Reports** - None

**Old Business:** - None

## **New Business:**

### **Discussion Matters:**

Council President Cheever will arrange discussions over three ordinances which have recently been brought forward with Council and community interest:

- Nuisance Ordinance
- Bench Ordinance
- Temporary Sign Ordinance – Attorney Loy reminded all that off-site temporary signs are under the jurisdiction of the White County Area Plan. However, signage on benches on city sidewalks is under the city’s jurisdiction. Permission for these bench signs should be sought from the city. George encouraged the council to develop standards for this matter.
- Additional conversation included the ordinance covering the utility adjustments #2023-05.

President Cheever will email his suggestions for the working groups to the Council.

### **Miscellaneous and All Other Matters:** - none

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello