

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MAY 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on May 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 First Deputy Mary Black was answered by Mayor Aaron Sims; Councilors Shanda Cortez, Gary Allen, Dave Patty and Kim Kramer; and City Attorney George Loy.

Minutes: Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 Council meeting. Councilor Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions: None

Citizen Participation: None

Department Head Reports: Written reports were provided to the Council and Mayor. Kim Kramer reported the police department invited councilors to ride with them during their high speed driving training. Kim was impressed. ADA Director, Diane Bunnell added to her report that 5th graders from Meadowlawn Elementary School raised \$5,000 in their recent "Amazing Race" fundraiser. Proceeds were given to ADA for the adult changing tables to be installed at the city pool.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

Ordinance #2024-09 Second Reading Police Department Transfer of Funds – Councilor Kim Kramer moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Councilor Shanda Cortez. All ayes, the motion carried. This will provide funding for the purchase of two Dodge Durango's.

New Business:

Vacating Two Portions of Railroad Street – Because the City is the only adjacent land owner to the property and because the Board of Works is the custodian of all city property, the Board of Works petitioned the Council on May 6 for a public hearing concerning the vacating of parts of Railroad Street. Having properly advertised the hearing and there being no public comments, Councilor Dave Patty moved to pass Ordinance #2024-10 on first reading. Councilor Gary Allen seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion carried.

NOTE: Ordinance 2024-10 was passed on first reading without suspension of the rules was allowable by statute because it followed a duly advertised hearing and the hearing immediately preceded the Council meeting action.

Street Department Request to Vacate a Portion of Railroad Street This matter was table for a future meeting.

Trilogy Statement of Benefits to Extend the Tax Abatement Annual Review – Councilor Gary Allen moved to accept their CF-1 report and moved to extend their abatement this year. Councilor Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Real Estate Network Downtown Advertising Benches – Councilor Gary Allen pointed out that S.O.M.A. has defined the benches to be used to create a certain look which minimized the "bill board" appearance of some benches. Councilor Allen then moved to table this item for further discussion. Councilor Dave Patty seconded the motion. All ayes, the motion was carried.

Accounts Payable Vouchers – Councilor Gary Allen moved to approve the vouchers which were seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes, the motion was carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello