

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

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on March 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 by Mayor Aaron Sims, Councilors Shanda Cortez, Bill Cheever, Gary Allen and City Attorney George Loy. Councilor Dave Patty attended via Zoom.

Minutes: Bill Cheever moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 Council meeting. Shanda Cortez seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions: None

Citizen Participation: None

Committee Reports: None

Department Head Reports:

ADA – Director Bunnell was pleased to announce Disability Awareness Month was a success. Citizen and media participation were significant.

MFD – Chief Scheurich reported 5 members of MFD attended a 3 day leadership seminar in Ohio. They just completed interviews with 4 full-time candidates. He expects to have recommendations at the next Board of Works meeting. Radio training coming up soon that will enhance communications within buildings and other agencies.

Parks – Superintendent Billue thanked all who participated in the 5 year master plan. It will be submitted to DNR on April 12th by HWC consultants. The pool schedule and staffing are coming together. Expect pool surprises! June 7th at 8pm will have the June Bug Jam. Ball Corp employees significantly helped out removing invasive species at the Nature Park. Monthly Full-Moon hike has 65 participants. April 27th will be the Girls' Softball Association dedication and recognition of Jean Ayres for her lifetime commitment to girls' softball.

MPD – Chief Clark reported camera quotes are coming in. The 2 Ford SUV's were picked up and are now being outfitted. Patrolman Chris Blake will soon be leaving to select his new K-9 partner. This will include a 4 week class with the dog. April 15th the Chief will be attending the new chief school. March statistics: traffic stops 531 (1,273 YTD), arrests 30 (79 YTD), calls for service 912 (2,386 YTD), accidents 19 (68YTD), cases referred to the prosecutor 39 (97 YTD)

Street – Superintendent Arthur reported his attendance at the Purdue Road School where he learned some new ideas. Public Pesticide licenses are current after continuing education classes. He completed his ERC Certification which is required for INDOT grants. Expecting to hear INDOT's rounds of Community Crossings awards on April 10th. Brush pick up has started city-wide. Spring Clean Up will be Saturday, April 20th (east side) and Saturday, April 27th (west side).

Wastewater - Superintendent Lindley reported repairs to the collection system that feeds the City Park lift station on the city's south side are being completed. Sink hole on the west side was solved and repaired. Dave Fagan, Ben Knight and Connor Welsh attended the Alliance Spring Conference in French Lick. Continuing education credits were earned by all. Required IDEM reports were submitted ahead of time successfully.

Water – Crew Chief Haygood reported besides routine maintenance, LGS continues to install service lines in the RCA neighborhood. Vehicle maintenance continues as well as supply inventories being recorded. Underperforming meter heads are being replaced.

Old Business:

Ordinance 2024-05. Fixing the Salary Ordinance Compensation for Safety Employees - second reading. Councilor Cheever moved to adopt this ordinance; Councilor Allen seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Ordinance 2024-06. Fixing the Salary Ordinance Compensation for Public Works Employees. – second reading. Councilor Allen moved to adopt this ordinance; Councilor Patty seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

New Business:

Proclamations for Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness – Mayor Sims read the proclamations recognizing the month of April as an awareness month for these topics. On behalf of Child Services, Ambyr Wade and Megan Shupe accepted the proclamations.

2024 Cruise-in Street Closure Request for Main Street – Mr. Ken Prieboy reminded the Council this was the 15th year for the cruise-in. He was influenced by the Farmers’ Market discussion that the events may be held on Main Street. After much discussion and a lack of information from the Farmers’ Market organizers, the motion to deny the Cruise-in on Main Street was made by Councilor Cheever, seconded by Councilor Allen, all voted aye, the motion passed. Mr. Prieboy will consider returning to the Council soon and resubmit with different location request.

American Legion Bucket Shake – As no representatives from the American Legion was in attendance to address this matter with the Council, Councilor Allen moved to table the matter. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cortez, all ayes, the motion carried.

ADA Permission to Apply for a Community Foundation Grant – Director Bunnell requested permission for a grant to provide two adult changing tables for the city park. She indicated they have money now for one that would provide a changing table at the nature center, but she would like to provide two more in other parks especially at the pool area. They cost about \$3,500 each. Councilor Allen moved to allow the permission to pursue the grant seconded by Councilor Cortez. All ayes, the motion passed.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello