

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on November 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:12 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 Peple was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Shanda Cortez, Kim Kramer, Dave Patty, Gary Allen and Bill Cheever.

Minutes: Councilor Bill Cheever moved to approve the minutes of October 21 and October 28, 2024; Councilor Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes.

Additions & Deletions: - None

Citizen Participation: - None

Department Head Reports: Written reports were submitted to the Mayor and Councilors. There were no questions.

Committee Reports and Old Business: - None

Old Business:

- Ordinance #2024-13 Amending Wastewater Tap Fees was brought before the Council after it was moved on from first reading at the last Council meeting. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

New Business:

- Area Plan Director Jenilynne Kyburz brought the revised amendment for White County Ordinance #A79 – Chapter 7 – Renewable Energy Systems. After some discussion and questions of the Director, Councilor Gary Allen moved to accept the revisions as presented. Councilor Dave Patty seconded the motion. All ayes. This became Monticello Ordinance # 2024-12.
- The 2025 Regular Council Meeting Schedule was presented for consideration. No exceptions were noted. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to accept the calendar and was seconded by Councilor Shanda Cortez. All ayes.
- Proposed salary ordinances for Police (2024-21), Fire (2024-20) and Public Works (2024-19) were passed on first reading. The motions for passage were made by Councilor Bill Cheever and seconded by Shanda Cortez. All Councilors voted aye on each ordinance motion.
- There was lengthy discussion concerning the deer control matter. Much research and interviewing was done by Councilor Dave Patty. Police chief Travis Clark identified some other city ordinances with a history of success, particularly Warsaw, Indiana. Consultations with Indiana DNR have been very helpful. Moving forward, the discussion group will continue to pursue solutions to bring before the Deer Nuisance Committee and the Council.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: Councilor Shanda Cortez reminded all of the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony scheduled for November 20th at 6pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mayor Sims adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm

Respectfully,

Doug Peple
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello