

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on January 22, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:21 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, Bill Cheever and Dave Patty; and City Attorney George Loy.

Minutes: Shanda Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Council meeting. Dave Patty seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Additions & Deletions: None

Citizen Participation:

- Gary Baker shared some of his personal experiences and volunteerism.
- Josh Leonard expressed concern about the process used to determine eligibility of a utility adjustment by the Board of Works.
- Blaine Schroeder shared his concern about the planned roundabout on South Main Street and Gordon Road and its ability to accommodate large farm equipment. Further he said he is concerned about negative community chatter on social media.
- Commonwealth engineer Andrew Robarts reported the City of Monticello received the ACEC Engineering Excellence Award for the RCA Phase 2 water project. Award will be presented March 5th.

Department Head Reports: The written reports were submitted to the Council and made available for questions. Councilman Cheever with Street Superintendent Frank Arthur clarified the design of the roundabout in question on South Main Street.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

White County Building and Area Plan rezone petitions #1180 and #1181:

- Councilman Cheever moved to adopt rezone petition #1180 and seconded by Councilor Patty. All voted aye, the motion carried.
- Councilor Cortez moved to adopt rezone petition #1181 and seconded by Councilor Cheever. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Resolution 2024-01: With a new Mayor, INDOT requires the Council to approve the new Mayor to execute INDOT agreements through this resolution. Councilor Cheever moved to adopt the resolution and seconded by Councilor Patty. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Accounts Payable: Councilor Cheever moved to approve accounts payable for January, Councilor Cortez seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Additional: I wish to express my appreciation, again, to my first deputy, Mary Black, for her gathering this meeting's minutes in my absence.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello