

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY MAY 5, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on April 7, 2025. 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:** The call by Clerk Treasurer Second Deputy Deb Madtson was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Shanda Cortez, Gary Allen, Kim Kramer and Bill Cheever. Councilor Dave Patty answered via Zoom.

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Shanda Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the regular April 21, 2025, meeting, Councilor Gary Allen seconded. All voted aye with the exception of Councilor Kim Kramer who abstained.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** – None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Chief Cody Scheurich was pleased to announce the Brookston Station will officially open at 7am on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The County Commissioners have agreed to fund a portion of the ladder truck purchase for \$600,000.00 pending the County Council decision next week in this matter. 2 ambulances ordered 3 years ago are now available for final inspection by the fire department leadership.

**PARK DEPARTMENT** – Arbor Day festivities, although rainy were successful. 5 trees planted on North Main Street. Interviews for seasonal help are nearly completed and pool preparation continues. The 56<sup>th</sup> pool season starts May 24<sup>th</sup> according to Superintendent Mitch Billue. He also announces some vandalism at the Nature and Jordan Parks.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Chief Travis Clark expressed appreciation to Chapman’s BBQ for hosting a \$5,000 plus K9 fundraiser. New K9 “Luke” starts school very soon. “Ride to School” program postponed due to student illness. Appreciation for Street Department for hauling discarded station materials. Chief Clark will reconvene the Deer Control discussion group very soon.

**STREET DEPARTMENT** – Frank Arthur, Superintendent, said the “Spring Cleanup” project was challenging this year due to scheduling. This delayed the project and thus the brush pick up calendar. Frank expects to be back on schedule soon. Beechwood project done and Dogwood/Hickory project well underway. Purdue meeting with INDOT identified changes in Community Crossings program. Changes include only one submission per year instead of two and an 80/20 match replaces 75/25 match.

**WASTEWATER** – Superintendent Bob Lindley announced a \$15,000 annual savings due to the need to make but one field application of bio solids instead of two – thanks to the new centrifuge. IDEM’s recent inspection of concrete resulted in a passing grade. Tank #1 was emptied for maintenance and was observed by Josh Leonard and Gary Allen who were impressed with the size of the 800,000 gallon tank. Bob pointed out the new storage facility

will hold 1,800,000 gallons! 5 of the 6 flowmeters have been calibrated and are in compliance.

WATER DEPARTMENT – Brad Haygood, Superintendent, is having the Water Salesman bulk water dispenser repaired to provide full service. May 29<sup>th</sup> Dixon Engineering will inspect all three of the City’s towers. Regarding the RCA project – the last piece of the water main is in place. Now testing and verifying water quality.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** - None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Second reading of the Urban Forestry Ordinance (#2025-06). Attorney George Loy explained some history and the need for updating the city code through this ordinance. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to adopt the ordinance and was seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Aaron Sims, in honor of veterans, read a proclamation for Poppy Days.

Consideration of extending the abatement for ADKEV based on their submitted CF-1 Statement of Benefits. Councilor Gary Allen moved to extend the abatement and seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All voted aye with the exception of Councilor Bill Cheever who abstained.

Debbie Conover explained the Make My Move program and updates. Councilors’ questions we ably answered by Debbie.

Attorney George Loy opened the Public Hearing concerning the reestablishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. After adjourning the hearing, the council considered the second reading of Ordinance #2025-04 reestablishes the fund. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to adopt and was seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS:** – None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Doug Pepple  
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello