

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY APRIL 7, 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 6:03 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 Doug Pepple was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Shanda Cortez, Kim Kramer, Gary Allen, Bill Cheever. Councilor Dave Patty answered via Zoom.

**Minutes:**

Councilor Kim Kramer moved to approve the minutes of the regular March 17, 2025, meeting, Councilor Bill Cheever seconded. All ayes.

**Additions & Deletions:** – Item #8 to Agenda – Letter of Commitment to READI Grant with City Park Lift Station Inclusion.

**Citizen Participation:** – None

**Department Head Reports:**

ADA – Director Diane Bunnell completed the BIG month of March – Disability Awareness Month. Many thanks to all that assisted. Successful events included library reading, wheelchair basketball, awards night, etc.

Fire – Fire Chief Cody Scheurich reported the Plymouth Fire Department evaluated our MIH Program as they consider one for their community. Nick Green to make a presentation in Indianapolis at the world-wide fire conference. He expects our new ambulance to arrive in mid-May.

Parks – Superintendent Mitch Billue and staff prepping the pool for a busy summer. He told the Council that Jordan Park has been refurbished from vandalism and the March 25<sup>th</sup> prescribed burn at the nature park was successful. Mitch is preparing Monticello to acquire a “Tree City” designation. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Arbor Day, trees will be planted on Foster Street.

Police – Chief Travis Clark was pleased to say Assistant Chief Kyburz and Patrolman Foerg were back on duty. Rotary Bingo was a success and looking forward to Chapman K-9 barbeque coming up. Patrolmen Cosgray and Estudillo training to become drone pilot qualified. Detective Pyle was recognized for his recent successful investigative work.

Street – Superintendent Frank Arthur expressed concern with talks in the state legislature and the impact on road funding. Construction on the roundabout at South Mail and Gordon Road restarted. Milestone Construction moved in to prepare for work on Dogwood Lane.

Wastewater – Collection system jetted in sections on the north and south sides of the city. Superintendent Bob Lindley said the last test run of the centrifuge was successful. The UV system, used from April through October is ready to go.

Water – Superintendent Brad Haygood said with warmer weather the department is experiencing an increase in locates due to projects beginning. A few service lines will need to be hooked up or reestablished. The Public Library did their pressure test and is now getting their sets of bacteria samples. He said they have been looking into getting the roofs replaced on the two well houses and the bottom shop and is pursuing three quotes to move forward with Board approval.

**Committee Reports:** – None

**Old Business:** – None

## **New Business:**

Customer Appreciation – State Farm Agent Kory Arvin requested permission to provide refreshments in his Customer Appreciation event on the corner of Main and Broadway. It will be held on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3pm. Councilor Shanda Cortez moved at permit the event and was seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

A Bucket Shake request by the Twin Lakes Lions Club was made by Lion President Shawna Cantway in their effort to recognize vision health and support for vision and hearing screenings. The event will be held Friday, June 27. After all safety concerns were addressed, Councilor Gary Allen moved to allow the event and was seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes.

The News and Review publisher produces the White County Information Guide and the Monticello Welcome Guide. They solicited City leadership to advertise in the publications. After some discussion, Councilor Bill Cheever moved to advertise in both at a total cost of \$600.00 with the cost split 3 ways – Council, Mayor and Clerk Treasurer sharing 1/3<sup>rd</sup> each. Councilor Gary Allen seconded. All ayes.

Police Chief Clark requested permission to apply for the First Responder Safety Grant. Councilor Bill Cheever agreed and made the motion which was seconded by Councilor Shanda Cortez. All ayes.

Next, Chief Clark requested permission to apply for the Naloxone Kit Grant. Councilor Gary Allen moved to permit the application and seconded by Councilor Shanda Cortez. All ayes.

Clerk Treasure Doug Peple presented consideration of re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund Rate. Presently the rate is \$0.042 per \$100 assessed property value and could be raised to a maximum of \$0.050 per \$100 assessed property value. For the average home in Monticello, the cost would be about \$10 per year. Ordinance #2025-04 describing this rate was presented to the Council for passage on first reading. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to pass the ordinance on first reading, Councilor Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes. On May 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing and following the hearing the ordinance will be considered again.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**Miscellaneous and all other Matters:** Mayor Sims reminded all the next Council meeting will be held April 21 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully,  
Doug Peple  
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello