

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on March 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 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 First Deputy Mary Black was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Shanda Cortez, Kim Kramer, Gary Allen, Bill Cheever and Dave Patty.

Minutes:

- Councilor Kim Kramer moved to approve the minutes of the regular March 3, 2025, meeting, Councilor Bill Cheever seconded. All ayes except Councilor Shanda Cortez and Councilor Gary Allen who abstained.

Additions & Deletions: – Under New Business add Resolution #2025-04

Citizen Participation: – None

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

Committee Reports: – None

Old Business:

New Business:

PARKS – Permission for annual prescribed controlled burn at Altherr Nature Park. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue explained herbal control is achieved with an annual controlled burn in the prairie areas of the park. He asked permission to have the early spring burn supervised by the fire department. Councilor Bill Cheever moved to allow the request and was seconded by Councilor Shanda Cortez. All ayes.

SPIRIT OF MONTICELLO FESTIVAL – Review and permission for dates and road closures. After considering all safety matters and the dates defined as June 20 and 21, Councilor Gary Allen moved to allow the festival which was seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes.

POLICE – K-9 Program update. Officer Chris Blake stepped up to explain the current status of the K-9 program. However, this agenda item was a ruse. Instead of a K-9 report, Chief Travis Clark interrupted the proceedings and presented Officer Blake with a Life Saving award for his response to a child last year. A big surprise!

RESOLUTION #2025-04 – Consideration of Slot Farms Subdivision for READI 2.0 Submission. Councilor Gary Allen moved to adopt the resolution which was seconded by Councilor Shanda Cortez. All ayes.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – Consideration of Accounts Payable Voucher resulted in a motion by Councilor Kim Kramer and seconded by Councilor Bill Cheever. All ayes.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Miscellaneous and all other Matters: Mayor Sims reminded all the next Council meeting will be held April 7 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully,
Doug Pepple
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello