

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on Monday, March 3, 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 First Deputy Mary Black was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Kim Kramer, and Bill Cheever. Councilor Dave Patty answered via Zoom.

**Minutes:**

- Councilor Kim Kramer moved to approve the minutes of the regular March 3, 2025, meeting, Councilor Bill Cheever seconded. All ayes.

**Additions & Deletions:** – None

**Citizen Participation:** – None

**Department Head Reports:** Oral reports were given to the Council and Mayor during the meeting:

- ADA – Diane Bunnell updated all for activities completed and planned for March Disability Awareness Month. The recent Freedom Event at the Burnettsville Beehive resulted in over 265 attendees. The coming events this month are the art contest, wheelchair basketball and White Oaks dementia tour.
- FIRE – Nick Green introduced Leslie Koopman who will be leading the Mother and Infant effort with MIH. Leslie, a 32-year RN, addressed the council with her passion to serve in the MIH program. She stressed her focus initially will be with “at risk” moms and “Educate & Advocate.”
- PARKS – Brett Anderson, speaking on behalf of Superintendent Mitch Billue, said the Park Board awarded two projects: North Pavillion reconstruct to Hiner Construction for \$93,465.89 and Shady Rest Pavilion repairs to Shafer Roofing for \$8,700.00.
- POLICE – Capt. Charlie Morehead reported superficial damage to two police cars with deer. Deer not so fortunate. The department is currently auditing the evidence room and working on S.O.P.’s. New hires are coming along very well and now riding with veterans.
- STREET – Superintendent Frank Arthur reported weather has kept the department busy, but winter supplies still sufficient for the rest of the season. He expects to hear if his grant application for Community Crossings funds very soon, confident we will win the grant of about \$1.3 million. He reported he and the utilities office have been receiving complaints from citizens claiming their trash was not picked up. Checking into this, Frank found the reason was because those toters are over-filled significantly. This will be announced on the radio and explained on the city’s website.
- WASTEWATER – Issues in the South Park Drive area with water heaving in toilets – some dramatically. Bobby Lindley, Superintendent, pointed out the phenomenon was caused by the differential in atmospheric pressure when the lines are being jet cleaned. Future jetting areas will receive a notice to keep the lid down! In mid-February, Reynolds Construction developed an “items to complete” punch list for the biosolids project.
- WATER – Superintendent Brad Haygood reported normal, typical activity in the department. Some important issues include the lead line inventory and IDEM approval of the water towers inspections ... paperwork to IDEM being completed.

**Committee Reports:** – None

**Old Business:** – None

**New Business:** – None

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters:** – The annual 3% water rate increase went into effect this month (March) per ordinance #2022-24.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello