

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

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

Minutes:

- Councilor Bill Cheever moved to approve the minutes of the regular January 21, 2025 meeting, Councilor Kim Kramer seconded. All ayes.

Additions & Deletions: – None

Citizen Participation: – None

Department Head Reports:

- ADA Diane Bunnell reminded everyone that March is Disability Awareness Month. It will start at the Beehive with the Wheels of Hope Freedom event where they expect 200 people. Wheelchair basketball game is scheduled for March 13th. Art contest judging is complete and artists' work will be displayed in the west bays.
- Cody Scheurich MFD Chief announced he has begun the long process of purchasing a ladder truck. Dave Dulin, Sam McVady and Bobby Edwards completed ice water training then taught the rest of the firefighters. Reminded all of Captain Hill's retirement after nearly 40 years scheduled for March 9th. After his retirement, Aaron Miller will become captain and Eli Darling will become a lieutenant.
- Mitch Billue, Parks Superintendent said the bath house partitions are being installed. He expecting more quotes for shelter construction including new roofs. He asked for assistance from the Street Department to move a large boulder to a new location in the Nature Park. Reviewing Tree City designation materials and related ordinance. Working on pool schedule for next summer.
- MPD Chief Travis Clark said much time has been spent on training. Newly hired patrolman riding with experience officers and will be attending the academy at the end of summer. Two officers are signed up for drone training and preparing for certification as drone pilots. Attendance at Chief's Conference will also include two officers and Assistant Chief Kyburz.
- Street Superintendent Frank Arthur said about 80 hours of overtime was used in the recent snowfalls. A typical amount. Submission of Community Crossings 2025-01 application is complete. The application is seeking about \$1.3mm in funding for milling and resurfacing various streets. He expects this grant may change

requirements and benefits starting in 2026. Spring Cleanup plans are well underway. Dates coming soon.

- Bob Lindley, Wastewater Superintendent said the new dewatering centrifuge was tested and was somewhat successful. Further tests and discussions with manufacturer will be forthcoming. EPS Biosolids report was submitted 2024 stats:
 - 548,000,000 gallons of inflow at the plant
 - 430,000,000 gallons of outflow
 - 436,000 pounds of biosolids was created and applied to farm fields.

There we 38 CSO's last year which will be handled in the future by Phase V of the agreed order. The lift station preconstruction meeting is coming up with HWC and F & K Construction.

- Brad Haygood said the water department has had 17 water main breaks so far this winter. Over a dozen meters have been frozen too. Angelo, Ben and Colin continue studies in the apprenticeship. Ben scheduled for testing in March while the others will be tested in June or July.

Committee Reports: – None

Old Business: – None

New Business: – None

Miscellaneous and All Other Matters: – Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Certificate distribution for signatures was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello