

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on June 2, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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, Gary Allen, Kim Kramer, Dave Patty and Bill Cheever.

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Kim Kramer moved to approve the minutes of the regular May 19, 2025, meeting, Councilor Gary Allen seconded. All ayes.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Mamie Roberts inquired about the inclusion of the Farmers Market with a regular weekly event. Councilor Bill Cheever suggested she work through SOMA that might include the cruise-in idea and perhaps some entertainment. She agreed to investigate that path for future considerations. She additionally added concern about properties that appear to be in violation of city ordinances. The matters will be taken up by the police department and the Council's Ordinance Committee.

Maria Salvo expressed concern that some matters she had brought up to City Hall earlier in the year had not been addressed. Her concerns were about the new community corrections building and associated personnel. Additionally, there has been very little done about the landscaping. Both matters were referred to the county authorities as they are not city matters, but county matters.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ADA** Director Diane Bunnell has scheduled a bowling/corn hole social event for September 13. The Meadowlawn Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> graders raised over \$6,600 with their Amazing Race and all will be donated. The prom date is set for July 19 with the Aktion Club. Signage and doorbell ready for city hall to alert staff of assisting a visitor.

**FIRE** Chief Cody Scheurich said the new ambulances are in the state and are being final outfitted – he expects to have them in service before the end of the month. The department hosted Logansport students in fire fighting drills. During a difficult and technical rescue recently, Cody thanked the police department for significant assistance.

**PARKS** Superintendent Mitch Billue expressed his appreciation to the health department for their support of swimming lessons. They are ahead of last year's record pace with 140 in the first class and already over 115 for the second class. Volunteers were a big help removing recent storm damaged trees from park property. Mitch reminded all of "Walking Wednesday" – 9am and/or 5pm at Alherr Nature Park.

**POLICE** Chief Travis Clark said the past two weeks have been busy with "Ride to School", "Pack the Cruiser", EVOK training and the Jeep Club supporting the K-9 program with a

\$12,000 donation. They assisted the Street Department with traffic control during storm cleanup activities.

STREET Superintendent Frank Arthur reported the curbs on Dogwood and Hickory Lanes are nearly done. Meetings coming up concerning the HSIP Grant projects (battery back up and traffic interruption). He indicated Community Crossings next round will likely be in October.

WASTEWATER employee Bruce Wilson was pleased to announce Connor Welsh attended an Alliance for Rural Water seminar. Soon, for the first time ever, all department employees will be certified. Final review of the dewatering project punch list now occurring.

WATER Superintendent Brad Haygood said that beyond normal work orders and located, they will be inspecting city fire hydrants. New taps have been completed for Dollar General and Marian Manufacturing expansion. Lakeview housing addition will be soon. Towers have been inspected now waiting for reports. Soon will be mailing Consumer Confidence and Water Loss reports to the public.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** - None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The second reading of Ordinance 2025-05 “Water Utility Billing Adjustments Due to Water Leaks” was moved to adoption by Councilor Bill Cheever and seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Stephanie Anderson of Trilogy Health Services (locally “White Oak Health Campus) reviewed the company’s CF-1 Statement of Benefits with the Council. A motion was made to accept the statement and continue their abatement as per the schedule by Councilor Bill Cheever and seconded by Councilor Dave Patty. All ayes.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS:**

Clerk Treasurer Doug Pepple thanked all for attending Mary Black’s retirement reception last week. He then introduced Emily Anderson, the newly hired 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Doug Pepple  
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello