

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY JULY 7, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on July 7, 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 Doug Pepple was answered in-person by Mayor Aaron Sims, City Attorney George Loy, Councilors Kim Kramer, Shanda Cortez, Gary Allen, Dave Patty and Bill Cheever.

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Dave Patty moved to approve the minutes of the regular June 16, 2025, meeting, Councilor Bill Cheever seconded. All ayes.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** – None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

The departments presented oral reports the Mayor and Councilors

- The ADA report by Diane Bunnell included the upcoming bowling/cornhole fundraiser and two dances. Her recent ADA presentation at White Oaks was met very well with requests for other speaking opportunities. Funding for the ADA compliant Port-a-Potty was done through her department and may be offset with advertising revenues.
- Fire Chief Cody Scheurich reported the golf cart raffle was wone at the pancake breakfast by Jim Estes. New ambulances have arrived and are in-service. The July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend resulted in 54 calls (43 EMS calls). He noted that 35% of the calls are directly related to drugs, alcohol or violence.
- Park Superintendent Mitch Billue announced we have set a record for swimming lessons totaling 380 vs 375 last year. Heater core at the pool failing – a new heater will be needed next year. The plumbing matter at the city park was repaired in-house. Ribbon cutting at new fitness park was a great success and well as use of the new pickleball court. Mitch invited all to the next Park Board meeting on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Wastewater report by Superintendent Bob Lindley included updates on the City Park Lift Station project. F&K connected the force main in the structure at Maple and Cleveland Streets. All traffic control materials have been removed. Bob was pleased to announce a scholarship award for Nick Longbons through the I.U.R.C. Nick minimized problems through his work with locating underground infrastructure prior to digging.
- Frank Arthur reported tree trimming activity at the Street Department. He is in touch with Milestone to facilitate completing their work on Hickory Street. Final touches being applied at the new round-about which is functioning very well. The traffic light project is stalled due to the poor condition of the existing lights. Solutions are being considered. New Community Crossings rules require city staff to be certified for road inspection. Therefore Frank, Josh and Matt attended LTAP training, was tested and passed for their certification.
- Police report by Chief Travis Clark reported the following statistics for May:

▪ Traffic Stops	232	▪ Calls for Service	636
▪ Arrests	10	▪ Referrals to Prosecutor	21
▪ Accidents	21	▪ Ordinance Violations	25

Last weekend's festival went well with minimal incidents, but with the HOT weather 5 arrests for alcohol violations occurred.

- The Water Department's Brad Haygood announced meter pits being reconditioned as needed and old poorly functioning meters being replaced. The superintendent went on to say all is set and functioning at the Lakeview Housing addition and the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be sent soon as well as posted on the city's website.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** – None

**OLD BUSINESS:** – None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Streets of Monticello Association [SOMA] member Lori Cheever requested permission to conduct a “Stocking Shake” fundraiser again this year on July 19<sup>th</sup>. This was moved for approval by Councilor Kim Kramer and seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.
- Brandi Page provided a comprehensive activities and financial report to the Council. She then asked for the Council’s continued financial support of \$10,000 per year for the next three years (2026,7 and 8.) Councilor Gary Allen moved to provide financial support and was seconded by Councilor Dave Patty. All ayes.
- Council President Bill Cheever sought opinions from the Councilors concerning the various rate options that will address the required IDEM Agreed Order for wastewater projects. The Council retained CPA firm Baker Tilly who provided many scenarios. A motion was made to adopt Alternative II. Phase 3 alternative from Baker Tilly’s report by Councilor Bill Cheever which was seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes. Attorney George Loy was tasked with authoring an appropriate ordinance for consideration at the next Council meeting, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS:**

Attorney George Loy suggested authoring a Deer Reduction Ordinance soon for review by the respective discussion group.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully,

Doug Pepple

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello