

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 West Washington Street on August 4, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 Shanda Cortez, Kim Kramer, Dave Patty, Gary Allen and Bill Cheever.

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Bill Cheever moved to approve the minutes of the regular July 21, 2025, meeting, Councilor Shanda Cortez seconded. All ayes except for abstentions by Councilors Kim Kramer and Dave Patty.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS:** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** – None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

ADA – Coordinator Diane Bunnell she is seeking new ideas for fundraising. She reminded all departments to keep track of the LEP reporting to be in compliance.

FIRE – The new ladder truck has been delivered. Extrication training coming up August 18-22. Over a dozen have signed up for this intense and comprehensive training. Responding to the Monon fire found that two aerial (ladder) trucks were used. Chief Scheurich reported in 2025 they have had 2,073 calls for service.

PARKS – Superintendent Mitch Billue was pleased to report swimming lessons set a record with 400 students. A successful pool year which will end on August 10 with the closing. 90 cubic yards of new Jordan Park surfacing material has improved the appearance of the park. Eagle Scout project by Brady Koppelman has begun. When complete the Altherr Park will have another observation deck. Demolition of the North Pavillion will start soon and be replaced with a brand-new pavilion.

POLICE – Chief Clark continues work with the Drone Program. The local Rotary Club has donated more than \$8,000 towards outfitting transport cages in some cars. Travis thanked the Street Department for assisting with traffic control at the schools.

STREET – Ohio Street received traffic control system which will be visible with flashing lights. Frank Arthur said mosquito spraying continues, and brush pick up is on schedule for all the neighborhoods. New hire Mike Spangle will be starting soon. Sidewalk repairs are completed on Main and Jefferson Streets with work continuing on Harrison, Illinois and Railroad Streets. KIRPC is placing traffic monitors around town – a routine matter.

WASTEWATER – Thanks to a fiber line going through a sewer, a sink hole developed. The storm line at Fisher and Bluewater and a lateral on Bluewater will be repaired by Accudig next week. Recent heavy rainfall flooded Main Street by Arni's Pizza. The flooding routinely occurs there due to the small size of the storm line. Superintendent Bobby Lindley said it is a very difficult fix, as the line runs under the buildings to the east. Congratulations to Connor Welsh for completing his Alliance apprenticeship.

WATER – Brad Haygood, Superintendent, said Ben Knight passed his WT3 test and will receive his license in December. Routine maintenance resulted in some solenoids being replaced and some needed service for the generator. Lead and copper line testing continued. Commonwealth Engineers are working with Brad for replacing those lines and looking into grants and no interest loans for replacement.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** – None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Attorney George Loy explained the necessity for the wastewater utility to comply with IDEM’s agreed order requiring Phase V completion, the last phase of the order. The estimated cost of Phase V is \$30,000,000 thus necessitating a wastewater utility rate increase. With the assistance of municipal financial advisors, Baker Tilly, several options were offered for Council consideration. The option with minimal financial impact to users was selected.

George then opened the public hearing for questions and comments.

Hearing none, the hearing was closed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The second reading of Ordinance #2025-08 “Amending Rates and Charges for the Use and Services of the Wastewater Utility of the City of Monticello, Indiana” was moved for adoption by Councilor Bill Cheever and seconded by Councilor Gary Allen. All ayes.

Consideration of Ordinance 2025-09 a rezone petition #1208 concerning 457 W. Foster Street, Monticello was tabled by Councilor Dave Patty and seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Connor Welsh was recognized by Kelly Gardiner for his apprenticeship completion by Alliance of Indiana Rural Water.

Consideration of the Interlocal Agreement between Monticello and Union Township for Monticello Fire Department ladder truck purchase was moved for approval by Councilor Shanda Cortez and seconded by Councilor Kim Kramer. All ayes.

Consideration of Resolution #2025-05 for the Northbrooke II Subdivision was moved for approval by Councilor Bill Cheever and seconded by Councilor Dave Patty. All ayes. This allows for this project to be submitted for a READI 2.0 grant.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER MATTERS:** – None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Doug Pepple  
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello