

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indianan, was held at 120 W Washington St on September 2, 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 available via Zoom and live of YouTube and Facebook.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Aaron Sims, Attorney George Loy, Councilors Gary Allen, Bill Cheever, Kim Kramer, Tim McQuinn and Dave Patty answered in-person by Clerk Treasurer Shanda Cortez.

MINUTES:

Kim Kramer made motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 18, 2025. Gary Allen seconded. All ayes except for Tim McQuinn abstained.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

Councilor Cheever stated to have #6 to be Hard Charger 5K, #7 Trick or Treat and #8 Clerk Treasurer Announcement.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

ADA- Coordinator Diane Bunnell still working on fundraising. Raffle gifts & donations for September 13, 2025, ADA Advisory Council Fundraiser. She reminded all departments she needs the LEP reports. Council Allen asked if any departments have turned any LEP reports, Diane stated no department has turned it in. Councilor Allen stated that we need those LEP reports turned in for when we apply for Community Crossing Grants.

FIRE- Craig Green spoke on behalf of Chief Scheurich. He stated that 15 people completed the 5 day vehicle/machine extraction course out at Mel's wrecker yard. Thanked the Farneys, Mayor cooking for them and Mel's for hosting the training. Stated that ladder truck will be in service by the end of the day. The Chief went to Michigan and picked up Medic 2.

PARKS-Superintendent Mitch Billue stated he received 3 quotes for the water slide at City pool. REMC has donated money to the City pool for the slide. Parks Board approved the lowest quote from Pool Supply Unlimited in the amount of \$32,200 that is within the budget. The slide should be done by Spring of 2026. They have been installing the observation deck. Parks Board approved a truck quote from Terry Truck Equipment for the dump truck in the amount of \$87,786. Concrete pad at the skate park is cleared. The skate equipment will be finished being moved to storage by 9/3/25. Mitch will be applying for the grant through I.U. Health. Councilor Patty stated that the skate park is not going away. Mitch agreed. The skate park is being moved and refurbished better than before. Councilor Cheever asked about the North Pavilion. Mitch received word back from the State that is requiring more documents and more detail. He should hear back by the end of the week on the permit to move forward.

POLICE-Chief Clark stated his LEP report is on his receptionist's desk currently. On 8/21/25, the MPD assisted in a county wide interdiction. Stopped 23 cars. K9 Olympics is completed. Captain Morehead and Chief attended as judges. Still moving forward with the drone program. They are looking to use this to help DNR and other area agencies. Move over outfitters has donated several lights, sirens, speaker for the Humvee project. The lean-to got approved by the BOW at the gun range.

STREET-Superintendent Frank stated that the street paving project is moving along well. Streets should be completed next week. Traffic light replacements are moving along. He stated that there are new lights out on Ohio street. There is a traffic cam on those new lights at the school on Ohio Street. On a normal weekend day is 844 vehicles. On a school day is more than 1,900 vehicles. Frank will be attending the LTAP Snow school the next 2 days. Frank stated that he has still not heard from Milestone. On the 5th it starts going up to \$1,000/day.

WASTEWATER-Assistant superintendent Bruce Wilson spoke on behalf of superintendent Bob. The storm drain on Heritage Rd still needs to be repaired by Accu-dig. Bryans lift station is up and running. Yearly quality control, a DMRQA-still pending results. The Wastewater department passed the Annual Whole Effluent Toxicity Test for 2025.

WATER-Superintendent Brad stated they had a 12in water main break on 6th street that was repaired. Continuing work order, locates and MIU change outs. They are winterizing vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Proclamation for Constitution Week**-Mayor Sims read the Proclamation for September 17, 2025-September 23, 2025 with Karen Aldridge and Karen Ward, Daughters of the American Revolution.
2. **Consideration of Deer Ordinance 2025-10**-First reading. Chief Clark started this Deer Nuisance Ordinance, something that has been in the works for a while. Councilor Cheever stated there were some housekeeping items done on the ordinance. Councilor Patty stated that this has to happen on October 1, 2025 because this has been in the works the past couple of years. Some notes are that 3-5 members should be on the deer taskforce and note that annual appointments by the council for that taskforce. Attorney George Loy will make the changes needed. Amendments are Under Sect 1 definitions- deer task force a committee a committee appointed by the council to oversee consisting of 3-5 members Annal appointments. Sect 2-Urban Archery should be established by the deer task force and approved by city council which coincides with Indiana archery season and DNR. Sect 5-item 7-passing a shooting proficiency test administered by "management committee" should read "Deer taskforce." Sect 6:4-Compliance-landowners are responsible for insuring that "authorized" hunter may permit not "any" hunter. Sect 6:5-PD must be notified 24 hours of deceased deer that owner or hunter cannot remove. Councilor McQuinn stated Sect 2:3-not talking about the whole City, should be a targeted area that can change every year. No definite area has been set up. Councilor Cheever made motion to pass to 2nd reading with modified corrections. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes.
3. **Police Department**-Consideration of Ordinance to transfer funds-2025-11-First reading. Chief Clark asked to transfer funds from receptionist salary that they are currently not using to the equipment line for Drone & the K9 Fund for dog food due to the increase in dog food. Councilor Cheever made motion to pass Ordinance 2025-11 to the 2nd reading. Councilor Patty seconded. All ayes.
4. **Wastewater: BOT Resolution 2025-08**. Attorney George Loy explained the B.O.T Resolution and that it was passed from the Board of Works to the council for approval. Councilor Cheever made motion to accept Resolution 2025-08. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes.
5. **Veteran's Day Parade**- Nathan Baker stated that this is an annual tradition with the mayor's office. The school's all get involved. The route will be the same route as last year. He will coordinate with MFD, MPD and EMA. He asks that the mayor's office coordinate with the school for the kids. Councilor Cheever made motion to approve. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes.
6. **Hard Charger 5k**-Nathan Baker states that this money goes to local veteran organizations. There will be a charge for tickets. The route is not the same. He stated he wants approval from the City before going to MFD, MPD and EMA for approval. The new route is O'Connor Blvd area. Councilor Allen made motion to approve the event pending the street department, EMA, MFD & MPD approval. Councilor McQuinn seconded. All ayes. Mayor Sims thanked Nathan Baker for all his work with Veteran's department. Nathan stated he would like to see some type of discount on Veteran's water bills from the city. He is working on making Monticello a Veteran ready community.
7. **Trick or Treating Date Discussion**-SOMA is Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 3-5 pm. Councilor Patty & Kramer thinks Trick or Treating should be on Halloween. Councilor Allen made motion to have it on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 6-8 pm. Councilor Cheever seconded. All ayes except for Councilor Patty & Councilor Kramer nays.
8. **Clerk Treasurer Announcement**- Shanda Cortez stated that with new administration she has a new HR Director, Gabby Leonard and a new 1st Deputy, Sam Rusk. She has resignations from previous HR Director, Lori Cheever and Payroll Clerk, Diane Sawyer. Councilor Patty made motion to approve the new staff. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes except for Councilor McQuinn abstained.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:

Chris Fullerton stated he put up a lot of water towers in Monticello. He stated that the bottom of the water towers are not clean. He stated he would like to have an exemption for the golf cart ordinance. He would like that contractors who have a contractor's cart should be able to have an exemption. Councilor Cheever stated per the request they would put it through the process and get back with him either way. He stated he did reply to Chris's email.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shanda Cortez

Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello