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COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MONTICELLO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

A regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held at 120 W Washington St on February 2, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 on YouTube and Facebook.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: Addition: KIRPC Council appointment

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Oral reports were submitted with possible Q & A from the Mayor and Council. No questions were asked.

ADA: Director Diane spoke and stated that the Mayor's ADA advisory council will meet on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6pm. There are now 56 art pieces for the art show.

FIRE: Captain Green spoke stated that Chief has been working with Jefferson Township about their contract that is expired this year. Currently working with Union Township on apparatus replacements.

PARKS: Superintendent Mitch stated that I.P.R (Indiana Parks Recreation Association) is working with him on a program through Purdue. Our application was approved from state for the Tree City USA.

POLICE: Chief Clark stated they have been working on new SOPs. Met with Mayor and Councilor Patty about the need for a 2nd Detective.

STREETS: Superintendent Frank spoke stated they worked 26/31 days in December and in January, worked 28/31 days. They have worked a total of 140 hours since the last winter storm. He estimated that the latest snowstorm cost around \$24,000.

WASTEWATER: Superintendent Bob stated NIPSCO had to change the date for the power due to weather to February 4, 2026. Start-up date for the new pump is February 10, 2026 if all goes as planned.

WATER: Superintendent Brad stated they are still finishing up the main break on Fisher Street. They had a main break on Bluff/Marion as well the weekend prior.



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OLD BUSINESS:

1. ORDINANCE 2026-01 TRANSFERRING FUNDS—2ND READING: Councilor Cheever made motion to approve. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. KIRPC COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Clerk/Treasurer stated that this appointment is made by the Council every year. Mayor Sims stated that Councilor McQuinn was nominated. Councilor McQuinn accepted nomination. Councilor Allen made motion to approve. Councilor Kramer seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. CORRECTION AMENDMENT MFD SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-14A: Councilor McQuinn made motion to suspend the rules & to pass on 1st reading. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes motion carried. Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve the correction retroactive to 1/1/2026. Councilor Cheever seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. APPROVE ALLOWANCE DOCKET—PAY PERIOD ENDING 1/25/26: Councilor McQuinn made motion to approve. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. APPROVE APV'S 1/14/26-1/29/26: Councilor Cheever made motion to approve. Councilor Allen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS AND ALL OTHER:

Mayor Sims stated he has been receiving a lot of calls about the NIPSCO prices and that he met with Karen, Public Affairs & Economic Development Manager for NIPSCO, and she let him know that delivery charges are a charge to bring the gas to the customer's home. NIPSCO doesn't make the prices for the delivery charge for the gas. They do not control the prices increasing.

Councilor Allen stated that he is noticing a lot of the sidewalks are not shoveled and that the homeowners and businesses need to shovel.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully,

Shanda Cortez
Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello