

**Monrovia Town Council Meeting**  
**January 24, 2023**  
**140 E. Main Street (Municipal Building),**  
**Monrovia, IN 46157**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Town Council President Philip Fowler, immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance and a prayer.

**Attendance:**

Present at the meeting: Philip Fowler, President, District 4; Kevin Collier, VP, At-Large; Carol Youngblood, District 1; Loren Moore, District 2; Dustin Kaufman, District 3; and Danny Chenault, Clerk-Treasurer.

**Guests/Citizens:** Ed Olleman, Michael Conner, Maria Chenault

**Additional Attendees:** Shawn Massingale & Brianne Campbell (WWOC), James Wisco (FP&W); Jonathan Moen & Allan Gallagher (Triad Associates)

**Election of Officers:**

- Council President Fowler opened the floor to nominations for Town Council President. Council VP Collier moved that Philip Fowler be retained as Council President, seconded by Councilmember Kaufman. With no other nominations presented, a vote was taken for Philip Fowler to remain as Council President. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
- After thanking the Council, Council President Fowler opened the floor to nominations for Town Council Vice President. Council President Fowler moved that current Council VP Collier be retained in the position, seconded by Councilmember Kaufman. With no other nominations presented, a vote was taken for Kevin Collier to remain as Council Vice President. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

**Town Council Meeting Minutes:** Council VP Collier moved that the minutes from the December 20, 2022 Council meeting be approved as written, seconded by Councilmember Youngblood. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

**Claims & Bank Reconciliation:** Council VP Collier made a motion that the December bank reconciliation and January claims docket be approved. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

**Town Purchase of Church Property:** The Council was advised that the Town had completing the closing of the purchase of the new Government Center property and what initial steps had been taken; change the locks, obtain quotes for security services, assess IT services requirements, obtain a quote for lawncare services and several other items.

**Consider Amendment to 2023 Salary and Compensation Ordinance:** The Clerk-Treasurer advised the Council that the originally adopted wage ordinance for 2023 (Ord. 2022-10) contained an error in the wages for Council members. Additionally, based on recent Council discussions, the ordinance needed amended to reflect that the pay amount (if any) for additionally formed boards and committees would be established by the Council upon creation of that board/committee. A draft amendment to the ordinance was presented to the Council. Councilmember Moore made a motion that, following correction of the displayed effective date of the original ordinance, the presented amendment be approved and adopted, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and Amendment 1 to Ordinance 2022-10 was adopted.

**Bids for Services – Requirements:** Council members were provided printed extracts from IC 5-22-6 (Purchase of Services) and IC 5-22-7 (Contract for Supplies) that clarified if/when bids were required for both services and supplies.

**Town Logo & Motto Contest:** All 15 entries were displayed on a wall in the municipal building. Council members were provided voting markers and requested to render their vote for both the best Logo and best Motto. The votes were to be tabulated after the meeting and the results provided to the Council.

#### **New Business:**

**Consider Appointment Recommendation by Plan Commission for Plan Commission President:** The Council was provided the minutes from the most recent PC meeting (1/10/23) wherein the Commission unanimously voted to retain Eddie Menzel as the PC President. Councilmember Moore moved that the recommendation be approved, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and Eddie Menzel will remain as the Town PC President.

#### **Police:**

- Town Marshal Wright provided a department update.
- 2 surplus department firearms are requested to be sold, authorized under the provisions of IC 5-22-22-6. The firearms have a trade-in value of \$250.00 each. The Marshal requested that he be allowed to purchase the firearms for \$300.00 each. Councilmember Youngblood moved that the Marshal be approved to purchase the 2 firearms for \$300.00 each, seconded by Council VP Collier. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed. The Clerk-Treasurer will draft a bill-of-sale for the purchase. The received funds will be deposited in the Public Safety Fund.
- Marshal Wright has conducted numerous interviews of Reserve Officer applicants and requested that the Council interview 6 selected candidates. The Council will hold an Executive Session on February 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm and conduct the interviews.
- Marshal Wright requested \$15,000 in American Rescue Act funds for the purchase of new equipment for current and new hire officers. The Council requested a detailed/itemized list, and the request will be considered, along with considering funds needed for the new Government Center and Parks & Recreation needs.

### Plan Commission / BZA:

- A list of all cases heard in 2022 for both the PC and BZA was provided to the Council. Also provided were the minutes from the January meetings.
- The Plan Commission recently appointed 3 members to the newly formed Design Review Board (Stan Graves, Brock Sears, and Mark Gilkerson). Per the amended wage and compensation ordinance, the amount of a per-meeting stipend (if any) needed to be established by the Council. It was discussed that the Board would meet 4 times per year. Council VP Collier moved that, in line with the other boards and commissions, a \$40.00 stipend per-meeting be approved, seconded by Councilmember Kaufman. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.

### Sewer:

- WWOC President Massingale provided a written department report.
- Proposed New WWTP North of Morgan County Boundary: Town attorney Wisco provided a synopsis of his conversation with a representative of the law firm of Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP regarding this. They are of the understanding that there had not been any actions taken by Hendricks County or HCRSD to initiate the process to construct a new treatment plant.
- IDEM Violations – Agreed Order and Compliance Plan: The Council was provided an update regarding the signed Agreed Order and payment of \$12,185.00 to IDEM for the cited violations. IDEM is returning the issued check as they intend to reduce the fined amount due in large part to the actions already taken by the Town and W.W.O.C. IDEM requires submission of a Compliance Plan, which W.W.O.C. presented to the Council for review and approval. Council VP Collier moved that the Compliance Plan be approved as written and submitted to IDEM. Councilmember Youngblood seconded the motion. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and the motion passed.
- The Council was advised that there is no projected delivery date for the new Blower that was ordered last July.
- WWTP Expansion – SRF Loan vs. Bond: Jonathan Moen of Triad Associates presented an updated financial analysis for the expansion under both an SRF Loan and an Open Market Bond. Following Council discussion, it was agreed to continue with attempting to secure an SRF loan.

### Streets:


- Approved Community Crossing Grant – Consider Resolution to Establish Signature Authority for INDOT Contracts / Documents: The Council reviewed the draft Resolution Authorizing the President of the Monrovia Town Council to Execute INDOT Agreements and Contracts. Following the review, Council VP Collier moved that the Resolution be adopted to authorize Council President Philip Fowler to sign said documents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Youngblood. **All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay)**, and Resolution 2023-001 was adopted.
- CCMG Timeline: Jonathan Moen, Triad Associates provided a Task Timeline for the CCMG Project.

**Additional Business:**

- Hendricks County Flows to the Monrovia WWTP. Discussion centered on exactly how many warehouse/buildings have come online to date. The Clerk-Treasurer and President of W.W.O.C. offered to drive through the business parks and determine which sites are active.
- Councilmember Youngblood asked for an update on the fire damaged building at 220 W. Main Street and the streetlight that had been removed from in front of the Dawg House Pizza business. The Council was apprised of recent activity and communications regarding the building at 220 W. Main and of the removed light.
- Councilmember Moore requested that, when the new Government Center building is occupied, that the staff be provided with new computers and a new copier that collates and staples.

**With no additional business to discuss, Councilmember Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Council VP Collier. All were in favor (5 Aye / 0 Nay), and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.**

  
Philip Fowler, President  
Monrovia Town Council

Attest:   
Danny Chenault, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Monrovia