

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
Called Meeting/Work Session
Monday, July 27, 2020
MINUTES
6:00 P.M.

Called Meeting/Work Session

Members Present – Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jenny Murphy, and Larry Thurman.

City Attorney, Joe Reitman, and County Attorney David Ozburn.

Jasper County Commission Chairman, Bruce Henry, Vice-Chairman, Gerald Stunkel, Carl Pennamon, District 1 Commissioner, Don Jernigan, District 3 Commissioner, County Manager, Mike Benton, Jasper County Planning and Zoning Director, Shane Sealy.

Staff Present – City Manager Angela Redding and City Clerk Karen Pennamon,

Facilitator – Timothy Young

Media Present – Kathy Mudd

Agenda Approval- Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

Called Meeting/Work Session - Mayor Bryan Standifer called the meeting to order. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Combined Code Enforcement Work Session Between the City of Monticello and Jasper County Board of Commissioners - Tim Young facilitated the meeting on City Code Enforcement. He stated there needs to be a consensus that the City and County can accomplish this for the community. There needs to be a resolution from the City and County for commitment to this project's completion. The project must be done in small steps - one project at a time. The City of Monticello has budgeted \$100,000 for code enforcement. The code enforcement officer will have a physical location in City Hall and report to the City Manager. The City will provide a vehicle for this employee. They will also work with the Jasper County Planning and Zoning Director, Shane Sealy. Mr. Young stated Magistrate Judge Tim Lam recommends the City of Monticello adopts similar building codes. Jasper County Manager, Mike Benton, said he had reviewed the ordinances, and they are similar.

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He noted that in his conversations with Judge Lam in the Magistrate Court, the Judge informed him that he could not hear a City ordinance if a County ordinance is on the books. The City must appeal an ordinance to replace it. He asked Attorney Reitman and Ozburn to verify the City's jurisdiction to utilize the County ordinance. Shane Sealy stated that he would assist the City Code Enforcement Officer when needed.

Mayor Bryan Standifer noted that there are 12 ordinances that the City will need to appeal to use the County ordinances. Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell asked how this would affect the historic district. Attorney Joe Reitman stated the ordinances are not restricted to the historic district.

Tim Young suggested both governing bodies consider a resolution to work together on this project. County Commission Chairman, Bruce Henry, concurred. Attorney Joe Reitman stated he and the County Attorney would work together on the resolution and have it ready by July 31, 2020. Commissioner Carl Pennamon noted that they need to set the goal for October 1, 2020, for code enforcement. All concurred.

Mayor Bryan Standifer discussed a City Council Retreat on August 15, 2020, for further discussion on the resolution. The City selected the following subgroup members for the meeting: Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, Councilmember Cynthia Miller, and City Manager Angela Redding. Jasper County subgroup will be determined later. City Manager, Angela Redding advised the City Attorney that the resolution for the Council Meeting should be general.

Mayor Bryan Standifer and County Manager, Mike Benton discussed the joint City/County paving project on Post Road. Mr. Benton stated that they are taking bids for the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell asked everyone to keep the momentum going after the resolution is completed.

Mayor Bryan Standifer discussed a future City and County Picnic.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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