

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session
Tuesday February 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

Members Present –Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman, Council members David Wease, Jenny Murphy, Larry Thurman and Cynthia Miller

Staff Present City Clerk LaThaydra Sands, Gas Superintendent Ronnie Stovall, and City Services Manager Waymon Cody.

Media Present – Kathy Mudd

Regular Session - Mayor Standifer called the meeting to order. Sergeant Major William A. (Billy) Connelly offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk LaThaydra Sands called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to approve the agenda, with the following deletions item 9 Staff items (DFACs carpet), item 10 City Manager updates (purchase approval, Gas Authority Hedge Fund, Budget, GDOT Funderburg update and other items) and executive session, seconded by Council member Murphy.
All in favor 5-0.

Citizens Present- Walter Smith, Reverend Jimmy Horton, Reverend William Gibson, Mike Benton, Mandi Tanner, Pam Mayer, Adam McGinnis, Bobby Sutton, Doris Tripp, and additional members of Springfield Baptist Church.

Citizen Comments- *Walter Smith* discussed the following items: quality of water, Monticello Housing Authority, water hydrants, Funderburg Drive, railroad crossing on Persons St, requested a copy of the junk ordinance, Post office, street and sidewalk maintenance, and transfer of services on damaged electric poles.

Reverend Jimmy Horton-discussed volunteering to clean up the city limits by picking up trash with the young men in his congregation monthly if Council would purchase a golf cart for him to ride on. The cart can be new or used and kept in at the City lot. Reverend Horton also inquired about burials on the Church ground.

Mandi Tanner (Chamber of Commerce)-discussed the Smithsonian cross road exhibit and urged the community to assist in telling Monticello's story.

2019 City General Elections- Probate Judge Andrea Brown sent in a quote of \$8,000+ for the November 5, 2019 election. The quote included the following:

Probate Judge will be responsible for the following:

- Arranging for database
- Ordering ballots
- Loading database into GEMS server
- Creation of Memory Cards for TS and OS units
- Upload memory cards after elections
- Create Post Election Reports
- Arrange for poll workers
- Conduct Poll worker training

The City would be responsible for the following;

- All necessary ads to the paper
- Qualifying of candidates
- Payments of Ballot order (Approx. \$500 + shipping)
- All postage for mail in absentee ballots
- Cost of poll workers, registrars and staff \$8,000

An intergovernmental agreement must be signed between the City and County for the use of the voting equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Workman suggested possibly doing the election with paper ballots which would save the City on overall cost. Items was tabled until March's monthly meeting.

Parking on Square- Council member Wease- Council member Wease discussed the issue of parking in downtown Monticello. He also provided Mayor and Council with the current ordinance pertaining to parking that currently is not being enforced. Council member Wease suggested 1 hour for exterior parking and 2 hours for interior. He had also taken the time out to speak with the Clerk of Court regarding jury duty parking. Adam McGinnis briefly spoke on the issue as a member of the Downtown Development Authority. He stated that Parking is the number one concern of citizens and businesses downtown. He also voiced his concern of losing businesses on the square because of the current parking issue. In order to improve the mix and make up of the businesses there must be a solution for parking in place.

Mayor and Council asked DDA to submit a proposal for parking.

DDA Appointment- The Downtown Development Authority of Monticello submitted a request for Kim McMichael to be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion by Council member Murphy to appoint Kim McMichael to the Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Council member Miller. All in favor 5-0.

Consent Agenda-

Minutes of January 8, 2019 and payables of \$538469.59 (includes ACH drafts: ECG \$4,756.00 MGAG \$106,237.84, MEAG \$165,866.48 and GEFA \$16,703.03)

Motion by Council member Thurman to approve January's consent agenda, seconded by Council member Wease. All in favor 5-0.

Council Comments:

Council member Wease- Thanked Staff for their continuous help.

Council member Thurman- None

Council member Miller- Thanked Reverend Horton for trash pickup, and she asked that he contact our Road department to notify them of areas of concern so that the City can do their part as well. She also stated the City needs to work with the County on Parking.

Council member Murphy- None

Mayor Pro Tem Workman- stated that Gas bill were just released in the paper. Would like an update from City Manager.

Mayor Standifer- Mayor Standifer extended the invitation for Reverend Horton to attend the meeting and give the innovation to March's meeting. He also thanked Walter Smith for bringing issues to the light. He thanked Mandi for her great work, and praised Pam on her work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.