

# MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session  
Tuesday January 8, 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 Manager Roger Harrison, City Clerk LaThaydra Sands and City Services Manager Waymon Cody.

**Media Present** – Kathy Mudd

**Regular Session** - Mayor Standifer called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Workman offered the invocation. City Clerk LaThaydra Sands called the roll.

**Agenda Approval** – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to approve the agenda, moving executive session to 5a. and adding Historic Preservation appointment Diane Parker as 5e., seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor 5-0.

**Citizens Present-** Diane Parker, Mike Benton, Melissa Strozier, and David Thompson

**Citizen Comments-** Dale Roberts (Rooks Lane)-Historic districts are looking better after several buildings have been demolished. Homes near Ms. Rockmore on Funderburg drive are in bad condition and are an eye sore. Ms. Roberts stated that she would love to see senior citizen apartment in Monticello.

**Executive Session-** Motion by Council member Wease to entered into executive session to discuss personnel and appointments, seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor 5-0 (City Clerk LaThaydra Sands asked to leave during executive session).

Entered Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to enter regular session, seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor 5-0.

Entered Regular session at 6:31 p.m.

**Springfield Youth Department-**Melissa Strozier presented to council her proposal of the Church's annual Martin Luther King Jr Day March scheduled for January 21, 2019.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to approve the MLK Day Youth march for January 21, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor 5-0.

## **2019 Appointments-**

- a. City Manager- Motion by Council member Wease to appoint Roger Harrison as City Manager allocating 4 weeks of Vacation time immediately, seconded by Council member Thurman. All in favor 5-0.
- b. City Clerk- Motion by Council member Thurman to appoint LaThaydra Sands as City clerk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Workman. Vote 4-1 Council member Miller against.
- c. City Engineer- Motion by Council member Murphy to appoint Robert Jordan as the City Engineer, seconded by Council member Miller. All in favor 5-0.
- d. City Attorney- Motion by Council member Wease to appoint Joe Reitman as City attorney, seconded by Council member Thurman. Vote 4-1 Council member Miller against.

## **DDA Update-**

**Historic Preservation Appointment-** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to appoint Diane Parker to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor.

## **Staff items**

- a. Big Chic Leak-Waymon Cody- Big Chic leak was fixed Thursday (old service line burst). The road was cold patch with the assistance of GDOT. Final concrete work will be completed once we get a week with good weather.

## **City Manager Updates-**

- a. Rental Space- Roof and walls upstairs need be repaired. The roof is under warranty. Under the current condition the space is not ready to be rented out.
- b. Jean Fundraiser- Staff had the option to wear jeans during the holidays for \$1 per day. The recipients of the funds were very appreciative and respectfully requested to remain anonymous.
- c. Budget- Currently we are \$94,494 in the black. Council member Wease would like to discuss allowing the Electric department to use a portion of the FEMA funds to repair zones in need of maintenance.
- d. Slum and Blighted Properties-City Manager Roger Harrison has created a Google share doc that is shared with Robert Jordan and Clint Lavaughn. Currently we have 12 properties listed, many are on Funderburg Drive. Council member Thurman stated that the Owner also owns a store on the square and he has expressed that he feels as if he has to jump through hoops to get any work done on the property.

## **Consent Agenda-**

Minutes of December 11, 2018 and payables of \$606,124.24 (includes ACH drafts: ECG \$4,756.00 MGAG \$74,251.44, MEAG \$161,527.50 and GEFA \$16,703.03)

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

**Council Comments:**

*Council member Wease-* Looking forward to the fresh start. He thanked Waymon for the excellent job done on the Big Chic project.

*Council member Thurman-* stated that we ended 2018 on a good note and he would like to continue with the same energy throughout 2019.

*Council member Miller-*None

*Council member Murphy-* Happy 2019

*Mayor Pro Tem Workman-* none

*Mayor Standifer-* left meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.**

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