

# MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session  
Tuesday November 13, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
Minutes

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

**Staff Present** City Manager Roger Harrison, City Clerk LaThaydra Sands, Electric Superintendent Michael Boykin, Gas Operation Manager Ronnie Stovall, and City Services Manager Waymon Cody.

**Media Present** – Susan Jacobs

**Regular Session** - Mayor Standifer called the meeting to order. Council member Thurman offered the invocation. City Clerk LaThaydra Sands called the roll.

**Agenda Approval** – Motion by Council member Thurman to approve the agenda, Seconded by Council member Murphy with the following amendments: Move budget Planning/Work Session to item 7 a. All in favor 4-0.

**Citizens Present**- Joan Jordan, Kenneth and Dot Hirneisen, and Bobby Sutton

**Citizen Comments**- *Bobby Sutton* inquired about the ability to hunt on City property. *Dot Hirneisen* expressed her gratitude to the Council and Staff for their hard work.

**DDA Update**- Pam Mayer stated that the Deer Festival was a huge success. She gave a special thanks to City Manager Roger Harrison, City Clerk LaThaydra Sands and Street Staff. Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Downtown Development Authority was approved as a rural opportunity zone beginning January 2019.

## **Staff Items-**

- a. **Budget Planning/Work Session**- With the reduction of revenues in Gas and Water due to the Closing of Georgia Pacific the FY19 budget needs to be amended to reflect the activity. Budget Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- b. **MEAG Municipal Competitive Trust and Off System Sales**- City Manager Roger Harrison recommended to Council that payments into MCT be postponed until further notice. Council instructed City Manager to contact MEAG to find out if there was a minimum monthly contribution required, and if payments are stop, could the city start back making payments later. Item will be discussed during the budget planning meeting.

- c. **Arbor Day-** The City of Monticello is in the process of becoming a tree city. A proclamation was prepared proclaiming the second Wednesday in December as Arbor Day. This year a tree will be planted in Funderburg Park and Westview Park. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming the second Wednesday in December as Arbor Day, seconded by Council member Wease. All in favor 4-0.
- d. **Jasper County Historical Foundation Invoice** – City of Monticello accepted the fiduciary responsibility of the Jasper County Historical Foundation TE (Transportation Enhancement Grant) at Thomas Person Hall. City of Monticello is the “pass through” agent. City of Monticello received a check in the amount of \$80,515.40 from Jasper County Historical Foundation to cover the expense for the auditorium seating. Accounts Payable will issue check to pay the vendor.
- e. **Get Ahead House 18-year-old HVAC unit-**Staff recommends the 18 year old HVAC system located at the Get Ahead House be replaced for \$4,200 (Vendor Wilson Maintenance). Council member Murphy requested that bids for the work be solicited to vendors in Jasper County. Motion by Council member Wease to approve the bid of \$4,200 to replace the HVAC unit at the Get Ahead House, seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor 4-0.
- f. **Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG18)** -tabled to discuss during budget planning session.
- g. **Electric- Small Bucket Truck 2011 F550 Repair and Line Trimming-** Electric Superintendent Michael Boykin stated that the turbo assembly kit needs to be replaced. Bo’s wrecker service has the truck at their location. Boykin also requested approval for tree trimming. The trimming has been needed for 3 years needs to be cleared before December weather arrives. City Manager Roger Harrison stated the City has a good relationship with EMC and could possible piggy back on some their current contracts. Motion by Council member Thurman to approve the 2011 F550 turbo assembly repair and up to \$20,000 in electric line trimming, seconded by Council member Wease. All in favor 4-0.
- h. **Gas- Hampton Hills Regulator Station, invoice approval and Public Awareness-** Gas Operation Manager Ronnie Stovall stated that Jasper County Fire Department would like to respond to Gas leak with the Gas Department. This will decrease response time for the Citizens of Jasper County. Stovall would like to purchase 2 gas kits that the fire department could use on their trucks. This purchase will also go toward the mandated \$5,000 for public awareness. Hampton Hills update was required during the Spring inspection. The work has been completed. Invoices and Purchase order request from C&H pipeline are required work that needs to be completed or has already been completed. Motion by Council member Thurman to approve the purchase of the equipment the Jasper County Fire Department needs to respond to Gas leak calls and approve the invoices and Purchase order request C&H pipeline, seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor 4-0.
- i. **GDOT Sidewalk project update-** City Manager Roger Harrison stated that the original contract had to be amended to include federal mandated documents. There is also an outstanding invoices, that will be address at the budget meeting.

- j. **DFACS lease update-** City Clerk LaThaydra Sands stated that she had email Nickie Corbett (DFACS representative) with the figures and had not received a response back.
- k. **Holiday Events-** City Manager Roger Harrison stated that the Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheon would not be funded by City funds this year. Staff took old wire, and metals to the scrap place to pay for the luncheons. Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on November 21, 2018 and Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 21, 2018.

**Consent Agenda-** Motion by Council member Wease to approve minutes of October 04, 2018 and October 9, 2018 and payables of \$710,686.71 seconded by Council member Thurman. All in favor 4-0.

**Council Comments:**

*Council member Wease-* stated that he is delighted to have Roger on board to assist with the great staff members.

*Council member Thurman-* stated that Roger and Staff were doing a good job.

*Council member Murphy-* none

*Mayor Pro Tem Workman-* stated that Council and Staff must remember that we are operating with a \$21,000 shortage per month due to the closure of Georgia Pacific.

*Mayor Standifer-* stated that he had received mixed reviews regarding the deer festival. He is looking forward to the Christmas Parade on December 15, 2018. Mayor Standifer also thanked the Veterans and Welcomed Roger Harrison as the new City Manager. Mayor Standifer reminded council that during the budget meeting, Council needed to discuss attendance bonuses.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.**