

**JOINT WORK SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL, DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

December 1, 2021

MINUTES

12:00 P.M.

Members Present –Councilmember Jennifer Murphy was present.

Staff Present – City Clerk Karen Pennamon

Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, and Development Authority of Monticello representatives were present. Mayor-Elect Gail Harrell was present.

Media Present – N/A

Called Session – David Dyer, Executive Director of the Development Authority of Jasper County called the meeting to order.

Agenda Approval –

Agenda Items

5. Joint Discussion – Roles and Responsibilities of each entity and other business. Discussion of Planning Services – David Dyer, Executive Director of the Development Authority of Jasper County provided a summary of the roles and responsibilities of the Development Authority. Mayor-Elect Gail Harrell provided an outline of notes on the roles of the Downtown Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce. Mandi Tanner, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and Wendell Yoder, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority provided a summary of roles and responsibilities of their entities. Steve Jordan asked what the precise activities and duties are that they feel are overlapping and need a resolution on who is responsible for these activities. Robert Cumbie, President of the Chamber of Commerce, stated he feels it is the management of the City Square. Mandi Tanner stated there is a disconnect with the Downtown Development Authority not being in a building and being accessible to the public. Wendell Yoder stated the Downtown Development Authority has no resources for a building. David Dyer recommended that they meet with a facilitator from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government to discuss the defined roles and responsibilities of each entity. Mayor-Elect Harrell stated she is coming into a new position as the Mayor of Monticello and wants these two groups to work together. She noted during her tenure as Mayor, she wants to raise the bar on the City of Monticello so people will want to come here, have places to live and thrive. Mayor-Elect Harrell said she also wants tourism and movies to come to Monticello. There was a consensus of the entities to meet with a facilitator from the

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Carl Vinson Institute of Government to discuss the defined roles and responsibilities of each entity.

Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate – N/A

Comments by the Governing Body - None

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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