

**MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 14, 2021**  
**MINUTES**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBER PRESENT** – Mayor Bryan Standifer, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jennifer Murphy, and Larry Thurman were present.

**STAFF PRESENT** – City Manager Angela Redding, City Clerk Karen Pennamon were present.

**MEDIA PRESENT** – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

**CALLED SESSION** – Mayor Bryan Standifer called the meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Reverend William Gibson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – Mayor Standifer requested to separate Agenda Item 2 – a-h from i-j – Approval of 2022 Alcohol License Renewals. Motion by Councilmember Murphy to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

David Thompson thanked Mayor Bryan Standifer and the City Council for everything they have accomplished in the City of Monticello.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – Mandi Tanner, Executive Director stated the Chamber of Commerce has 180 members and 27 Cornerstone members. Tourism in the visitor’s center is increasing. She noted that Netflix is officially out of Monticello. The City of Monticello will receive a \$250.00 check from the filming of Seven Little Johnstons. The Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner is March 4, 2022, at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. The venue will accommodate 300 people and the cost to attend is \$30.00 per person. There will be a silent auction and raffle, and the Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year will be announced. The Chamber of Commerce will post their Holiday Hours on their website. The Chamber of Commerce cookbooks have arrived and are available for \$10.00 each.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** – David Thompson, Chairman stated the Historic Preservation Commission has issued thirty Certificate of Appropriateness so far this year. He stated that the Certificate of Appropriateness for 181 Sands Drive was approved on a contingency. Mr. Thompson noted the American Legion is requesting to construct a memorial wall. The wall was approved in 2018 but the work was not completed. He added that the City of

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Monticello owns this property and must approve the application. The Historic Preservation Commission is working with the owner at 512 Hillsboro Street regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for renovations. They are also updating the Historic Preservation Bylaws.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Councilmember Wease made a motion to approve the following minutes: Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council – November 9, 2021, and Joint Work Session of City Council, Downtown Development Authority, and Chamber of Commerce – November 10, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Update from John Hewitt – John Hewitt was unable to attend the City Council meeting but addressed the Council by cellphone. Mr. Hewitt gave a brief overview of Blockstream and the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreements with the new rates. Motion by Councilmember Thurman to approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreements with the new rate, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
  
2. Approval of 2022 Alcohol License Renewals
  - a. Hide a way Packaging - Package sales of alcohol, beer, wine, and malt beverages at 10 Towhee Street. No exceptions noted.
  - b. McMichael Packaging - Package sales of alcohol, beer, wine, and malt beverages at 158 Frobel Street. No exceptions noted.
  - c. Circle K Stores Inc. – Package sales of beer, wine, and malt beverages at 1468 A. W. Washington Street. No exceptions noted.
  - d. El Giro Mexican Restaurant – Alcohol, beer, wine pouring (On-Premise Consumption) at 1196 147<sup>th</sup> Street. No exceptions noted.
  - e. Short Street Grocery – Package sales of beer, wine, and malt beverages at 3 Short Street. No exceptions noted.
  - f. Taqueria La Eskina – Alcohol, beer, wine pouring (On-Premise Consumption) at 107 W. Washington Street. No exceptions noted.
  - g. Monticello Food Mart – Package sales of beer, wine, and malt beverages at 210 W. Greene Street. No exceptions noted.
  - h. Ingles Markets #496 – Package sales of beer, wine, and malt beverages at 2340 Highway 16 West. No exceptions noted.
  - i. SAQI, LLC – Package sales of beer, wine, and malt beverages at 142 Frobel Street. Exceptions noted.
  - j. A-1 Food Store – Packages sales of beer, wine, and malt beverages at 610 Forsyth Street. Exceptions noted.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy to approve the 2022 Alcohol License Renewals for agenda items 2 a thru h, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion

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was unanimous. Jasper County Sheriff Donnie Pope addressed the City Council regarding the 2022 Alcohol License Renewals for SAQI, LLC at 142 Frobel Street and A-1 Food Store at 610 Forsyth Street. Sheriff Pope stated that he had received complaints from parents that these two businesses were selling alcohol and cigarettes to minors. Undercover agents were sent to these businesses and purchased alcohol and a warrant was issued. He noted he does not approve of the alcohol license renewals for these businesses. Motion by Councilmember Wease to accept Sheriff Pope's recommendation to deny the 2022 Beer, Wine, and Malt Beverage License Package Sales for SAQI, LLC, and A-1 Food Store, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

3. Consider the Appointment of Brandon Taylor to the Historic Preservation Commission

**Background and Summary:**

According to Sec. 34-28 of the Code of Ordinances, members of the Historic Preservation Commission are appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council. Members shall serve three-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Mr. Taylor's term will begin on December 14, 2021, and expire on December 14, 2024. Motion by Councilmember Murphy to appoint Brandon Taylor to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

4. Consider the Inter Participant Transfer Agreements between City of Monticello and City of Elberton. Motion by Councilmember Thurman to approve the Inter Participant Transfer Agreements between City of Monticello and City of Elberton, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
5. Consider Georgia Public Web Written Consent – Asset Purchase Agreement. Motion by Councilmember Thurman to approve the Georgia Public Web Written Consent – Asset Purchase Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
6. Consider Resolution Authorizing Fourth Amendment to Telecommunications Project Contract with MEAG. Motion by Councilmember Thurman to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
7. Consider Contract Renewal with Wildfire Industries for the Square. Motion by Councilmember Murphy to approve the Contract Renewal for Wildfire Industries for the Square, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

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8. Consider Request to Open New Bank Account for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve to open a New Bank Account for American Rescue Plan (ARPA) seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
9. Discussion - Local Issuing Authority (LIA) Certification. Motion by Councilmember Wease to relinquish the Local Issuing Authority (LIA) Certification and for Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to perform inspections, compliance and regulatory enforcement for land disturbance activities, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
10. City Manager's Report

Code Enforcement has 80 open cases, 146 closed cases, and 9 court cases which are on the calendar on February 4, 2022.

City Manager Redding met with City Engineer Robert Jordan and Mr. Lashley regarding the process for sidewalk repairs at his business. The Department of Transportation representative did okay the city to dig out and place concrete in two deep holes at the entrance to the building. The City of Monticello has to follow the Georgia Department of Transportation guidelines. It will be 2-4 months before the City of Monticello can work on the project because they need mapping information to know what is under the road.

New Electric Building – City Engineer Robert Jordan sent preliminary information and is working on the project.

Mayor Standifer Farewell Celebration is December 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monticello Government Complex.

Swearing-In Ceremony for Mayor Gail E. Harrell and Councilmembers Larry Thurman and David Wease is January 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Monticello Government Complex.

Employee Christmas Dinner – The employee Christmas dinner is December 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Monticello Government Complex.

Councilmember Wease presented information brought to him from the Downtown Development Authority regarding 552 Forsyth Street that he wanted the Council to consider.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL, LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE, AND LEGAL MATTERS. Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss personnel**

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**made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.**

**Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:27 to enter regular session made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous. No action was taken in Executive Session.**

#### **COMMENTS BY THE GOVERNING BODY**

**Mayor Standifer** stated that City Manager Redding's last day is January 11, 2021. He thanked her for her work and professionalism while working for the City of Monticello.

**Councilmember Wease** stated stay safe and have a good Christmas.

**Councilmember Miller** had no comment.

**Councilmember Murphy** stated Merry Christmas.

**Councilmember Thurman** had no comment

**City Manager Redding** thanked Mayor Standifer ,Mayor-Elect Gail Harrell and Council for allowing her to work for the City of Monticello.

**ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.**

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