

**MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
**January 4, 2022**  
**MINUTES**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Members Present** – Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor-Elect Gail Harrell, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jennifer Murphy, and Larry Thurman were present.

**Staff Present** – City Clerk Karen Pennamon, City Manager Angela Redding was not present.

**Media Present** – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

**Called Session** – Mayor Bryan Standifer called the meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Bishop Pat Standifer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

**Agenda Approval** – Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

**Song** – Denise Parker and Bobbi Sauls sang God Bless America.

**Oath of Office** – Attorney Joe Reitman

David Wease & Larry Thurman – Attorney Joe Reitman administered the oath of office to Councilmembers David Wease and Larry Thurman.

**Oath of Office** – Attorney Joe Reitman

Gail E. Harrell – Attorney Joe Reitman administered the oath of office to Mayor Gail Harrell.

**Remarks** – Bryan Standifer congratulated the newly elected Mayor Gail Harrell. He noted the City of Monticello is going to be in good shape under future leadership.

**Remarks** – Mayor Gail E. Harrell stated she is excited to serve as the Mayor of the City of Monticello and congratulated Councilmember David Wease and Larry Thurman who retained their seats on the City Council. She also thanked Cynthia Miller and Jenny for their support during her tenure as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Harrell acknowledged former Mayor Bryan Standifer for his guidance and wisdom and expressed thanks to her husband, Walt, for his support during her tenure as Mayor Pro Tem and as the Mayor of Monticello. She recognized Representative Susan Holmes who served as Mayor of Monticello and the Jasper County Board of Commissioners. Mayor Harrell stated her door is always open for citizen concerns and along with the City Council they will do their best to address the citizens' needs. She noted she encourages citizens to participate in the monthly City Council meetings and thanked everyone for their support.

## **Comments by the Governing Body:**

Councilmember Miller congratulated everyone, and she said she looks forward to working with them. She stated Mayor Harrell will put the citizens of Monticello first because she has a good heart and will work as hard as she can. She stated that one of Mayor Harrell's plans is to make sure the Council is functioning as one.

Councilmember Murphy congratulated Mayor Harrell and Councilmembers Thurman and Wease.

Councilmember Thurman stated he could not believe that ten years have passed. He stated his number one priority is the citizens of Monticello.

Councilmember Wease congratulated Mayor Harrell and said he looks forward to working with her.

Attorney Joe Reitman congratulated Mayor Harrell and said Monticello is in good hands.

**Closing** – Reverend Jon Van Deventer provided closing remarks and prayer.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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