

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
January 6, 2022
MINUTES

Members Present – Mayor 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 – None

Called Session – Mayor Gail Harrell called the meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Thurman, 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 Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Presentation – Lynn Bentley, Chief Appraiser gave a brief presentation regarding Homestead Freezes. She noted if the City Council would like to consider a Homestead Exemption Freeze, she must get their approval by February 1, 2022, because it must be sent to the Georgia State Legislature. The City Council agreed to review the information presented and add Discussion of Homestead Exemption Freeze to the January 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda.

Appointment/Evaluations – Mayor and City Council consensus is to table all appointments until the City Council’s Regular Meeting on February 8, 2022. Mayor Harrell stated she has only been in office two days and wants to get an understanding of where they are since the City Manager Angela Redding resigned.

Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, or Real Estate – Motion by Councilmember Miller to enter executive session at 6:25 pm to discuss personnel, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion by Councilmember Murphy to exit executive session and enter regular session at 7:25 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy to add to the agenda the appointment of a part-time temporary interim City Manager, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion by Councilmember Wease to appoint Peggy Billerman as interim temporary part-time City Manager effective January 7, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed 3-1 with Councilmember Thurman opposed.

Comments by Governing Body

Mayor Harrell had no comment.

Councilmember Miller had no comment.

Councilmember Murphy said stay warm.

Councilmember Thurman had no comment.

Councilmember Wease said have a blessed night.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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