

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2022
Minutes
6:00 P.M.

Members Present – Mayor Gail E. Harrell, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jennifer Murphy, and Larry Thurman were present.

Staff Present – Interim City Manager Peggy Billerman

Media Present – Susan Jacobs - The Monticello News

Invocation –. The invocation was given by Councilmember Wease, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Interim City Manager called the roll.

Agenda Approval – The agenda was approved with the addition of Trees on the Square as item 4. Motion by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

Consent Agenda to Include:

Approval of Minutes – Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the following minutes, February 3, 2022, and February 8, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor

Approval of Check Register – Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the February 2022 Check Register as stated, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor.

Public Hearing:

2022CU-001, Craig Lashley owner/applicant, requested a conditional use at 260 West Washington Street in the CBD district for a dwelling in addition to his business. Tax map MO5A-156. There was no public comment. Motion to approve by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.

Citizens comments:

Complaints were heard about the size of utility bills for January. All were advised to come to City Hall for information.

Agenda Items:

1. Resolution 2022-005 Budget calendar. Motion by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the calendar. All in favor.
2. Resolution 2022-006 MEAG Signatories. Motion by Councilmember Thurman, seconded by Councilmember Wease, to name Councilmembers Thurman, Wease and Murphy. All in favor.
3. Recruiting Of City Manager. Mayor Harrell advised she was contacting GMA.
4. Trees on Square. Councilmember Miller stated that the trees were very small.

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City Manager Items:

*The FoodMart on Frobel has regained its alcohol permit, certifications will be sent.

*The Percy Smith Trailer Park's position on water meters is that water meters would be free based on a letter from Tim Young. Joe Reitman says that they must pay or we would be in violation of the Georgia Gratuities Act. They have a 2" meter on the right of way and it should be used for billing. If they don't want to use the 2" meter they will have to pay tap fees at each trailer.

*Peyton Proctor, Jasper Co. Middle School Safety, has requested two yellow lines on Post Rd.

*Tillman Landscaping increases fees \$1608.75.

*The company that purchased GP is using a lot of water. During the recent fire over a million gallons were used. I am asking for \$36,000 to purchase a water meter to set on the main. There is money in the budget. Motion to approve by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

*Honeysuckle Road is being used by thru trucks. We will check the signage.

*Code Enforcement has 72 open cases. Court on the 18th has 10 and there are 5 on tap for 4/1/22.

Council Comments

Councilmember Murphy – had no comment.

Councilmember Wease – had no comment.

Councilmember Thurman – had no comment.

Councilmember Miller – had no comment.

Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate, and Legal. Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss personnel made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. to enter regular session made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Vote was unanimous. Motion to hire Carnethia Pennamon at \$58,000 to be City Clerk and Staff Accountant. Voting for the motion were Councilmembers Wease, Miller and Murphy. Voting against was Councilmember Thurman. Motion carried.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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