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Jenny Murphy
Council Member

Peggy Billerman
Interim City Manager

Carnethia Pennamon
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

June 14, 2022

Minutes

6:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present – City Clerk Carnethia Pennamon and City Attorney Joe Reitman were present.

Media Present – Susan Jacobs - The Monticello News

Invocation – The invocation was given by City Attorney Joe Reitman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk called the roll.

Agenda Approval – The agenda was approved with the addition of making Item #4 Public Hearing and adding Discounts for Seniors to the first Item. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.

Consent Agenda to Include:

Approval of Minutes – Councilmember Murphy made a motion to approve the following minutes, May 10, 2022, with the correction made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor

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

Public Hearing:

2022V-001 -LIBERTY COMMUNITITES as applicant/owner requests a zoning text amendment/variance for 1001 Oak Street to move the lot line on lot 43 of Winding Creek Phase II subdivision, reducing the size of the lot from .26 acres to .253 acres within the current R-15 zoning regulations. The tract is shown on tax map M03 200 043. Motion to approve by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.

Application 2022V-002 – Liberty Communities as applicant/owner requests a zoning text amendment of Section 613. Exterior Building Materials and Landscaping: “vinyl siding shall not be permitted” to be permitted for this single use development of Winding Creek Phase II Subdivision. The tract is shown on tax map M03 200. City Attorney Reitman advised the City Council the requested application should have been a variance instead. Motion to allow Liberty Communities to continue building as variance stated without changing the City’s Ordinances made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

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Motion to close end Public Hearing by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. 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.

Speakers

Chamber of Commerce - Brandi Seawright, Tourism Manager gave an update on the Market on the Square and other events held by the Chamber. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Market.

Historic Preservation Commission – David Thompson, Chair presented COAs approved at the HPC meeting held in May and stated there will be a special called meeting to address the COA for 263 Julia Street.

Agenda Items:

Discounts for Seniors – Councilmember Miller posed to the Council to make a motion to approve the senior discounts. Mayor Pro Tem stated there should be discount for all citizens. Motion by Councilmember Miller to create a \$25 per month senior citizen based upon the criteria presented, seconded by Councilmember Wease. The vote was four in favor. Voting in favor were Councilmembers Wease, Miller, Thurman, Murphy. Voting against was Mayor Pro Tem Currie.

1. **Adopt Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget** – Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. The vote was three in favor. Voting in favor were Mayor Pro Tem Currie, Councilmembers Thurman, and Murphy. Voting against were Councilmember Miller and Wease.
2. **Set and Adopt Rollback Millage Rate** – Motion to rollback the millage rate from 5.146 to 4.257 by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
3. **Discussion on Residential Solar Panels** – Motion to postpone solar panels to next month by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
4. ~~**Planning and Zoning Winding Creek Phase II – Liberty Communities**~~
5. **Update Speed Bumps** – Motion by Councilmember Thurman to place three speed bumps on Webb Street, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
6. **Park Reservations**

Juneteenth Celebration - June 18th, Sands Drive Park – Motion to approve Juneteenth Celebration by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Father’s Day Celebration – No park reservation. Council advised City Manager to contract the Sheriff Department to make them aware.

Family Member Birthday Memorial – Motion to approve by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Council Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

JC Ducks Community Kickball – Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

7. **MOU between the Chamber of Commerce** – Council suggested a work session with the Chamber Board to discuss the MOU in details. Motion to postpone the MOU until the Work Session could be scheduled by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

City Manager Report - Interim City Manager Billerman stated a lady tripped on the sidewalk, cut her knee, and requested a \$30 co-pay. City Attorney Reitman stated he would send proper documents to have her sign. Interim City Manager Billerman also stated there were 94 open cases, 178 closed cases, and 20 court cases. The Rivers who owned the trailers parks located on MLK Drive, Hillsboro Street, Hwy 16 West; came in to discuss three main issues at the trailer parks. MLK Drive has a master water meter at the entrance at the trailer park and can not work on private property. She advised the Council the City would only maintain the master meter and the individual meters would be the owner’s responsibility with the Council approval. Hillsboro Street has a water leak which will be fixed by the water department. Hwy 16 West has water meter on the main which isn’t being used because on wells on the property. The Rivers requested sewer but will not work unless they have a sewer lift station. Council approved Interim City Manager to deny all of the Rivers requests.

Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Currie – had no comment.

Councilmember Murphy – had no comment.

Councilmember Wease – Stay safe and stay out the heat.

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 and real state made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to enter regular session made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Vote was unanimous.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.