



Gail Harrell
Mayor

Doug Currie
Mayor Pro Tem

David Wease
Council Member

Larry Thurman
Council Member

Cynthia Miller
Council Member

Jenny Murphy
Council Member

Peggy Billerman
Interim City Manager

Carnethia Pennamon
City Clerk

Special Called Meeting
June 30, 2022
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

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

Staff Present –City Clerk Carnethia Pennamon and City Attorney Joe Reitman were present. Interim Manager Peggy Billerman was not present.

Media Present – Hannah Hinesley, The Monticello News

Called Session – Mayor Gail Harrell called the meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Reverend Reginald Jacobs, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Carnethia Pennamon called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Mayor Harrell asked for a motion to approve the agenda with two amendments – to postpone Item #1 until the July 12th meeting and add LOST Negotiations Discussion as Item #4. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Doug Currie to approve the agenda with the above amendments and seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Citizen Comments – The residents of the City stated their concerns on the City Manager candidate.

Agenda Items

- 1. Per Diem Increase Discussion** – postponed to July 12th meeting
- 2. Solar Panel Discussion** – The initial motion was rescinded. Motion by Councilmember Miller to determine whether or not the Council would like to move forward with a solar panel program and second by Councilmember Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem to develop a plan to outline the solar panel pilot program and seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- 3. Update on Water Outages** – Mayor Harrell stated the problem was due to an old main being hit at the old Hardee’s building, which was not mapped on the City’s system. Mayor Harrell realizes the water infrastructure is old and needs a major upgrade, which will be addressed by the Council and Mayor in the coming months.

- 4. LOST Negotiations Discussion** - Mayor Harrell asked for a motion to hire Brown-Pelican to help the City with negotiations. The initial motion was rescinded by Councilmember Wease. Motion made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie to move to ask for a price from Brown-Pelican for the cost to help in the LOST negotiation process. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Executive Session for Personnel – Motion by Councilmember Wease to enter executive session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss real estate, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion to exit executive session at 7:35 p.m. and enter regular session made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Voting for the motion was unanimous. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

Comments by Governing Body

Mayor Harrell had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Currie stated the council has to decide who is the right person to do the job.

Councilmember Wease stated try to stay cool because it's hot out there.

Councilmember Miller thanked Robert for being the City's genuine pig.

Councilmember Murphy had no comment.

Councilmember Thurman stated the progression at Sands Drive Park was the same and the American Legion was going to help with the baseball diamonds.

7. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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