



Gail Harrell
Mayor

Doug Currie
Mayor Pro Tem

David Wease
Council Member

Larry Thurman
Council Member

Cynthia Miller
Council Member

Jenny Murphy
Council Member

LaThaydra Sands
City Manager

Carnethia Pennamon
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 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 was present.

Media Present – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

Invocation – The invocation was given by Rev. Jimmy Horton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk called the roll.

Agenda Approval – The agenda was approved with the addition of adding Item #6 Repointing Brick and plaster repair on the third floor of City Hall and removing David Thompson as the speaker on behalf of Historic Preservation Commission and updating the speaker for Chamber of Commerce to Brandi Seawright. Motion by Councilmember Murphy seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.

Consent Agenda to Include:

Approval of Minutes – Councilmember Wease made a motion to approve the following minutes: June 14, 2022, Regular Meeting, June 30, 2022, Special Called Meeting, July 7, 2022, Work Session, and July 7, 2022, Special Called Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

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

Citizens comments:

Mrs. Moore and Mr. El-Jourbagy, residents near 100 Poplar Street, disputed the building permit issued to the property owner/builder, Keith Smith. Mill Smith, resident of Poplar Street, followed up with feedback as to why the building permit should be granted for Poplar Street. Mrs. Cummings read a devotional and scripture to encourage everyone. Rev. Gibson read a card to show his appreciation to Mayor and Council. Ms. Finger, consultant of the Concerned Citizens of Monticello, questioned the \$120,000 budgeted for dichlorination tablets for the water department and the fall protection surfacing at Funderburg Drive Park.

Speakers:

Chamber of Commerce - Brandi Seawright, Tourism Manager gave an update on the growing membership and Market on the Square. She also mentioned the Chamber will be filling the window with school supplies for all teachers in Jasper County.

Agenda Items:

1. **Capital Improvement Plan Discussion** – Mayor Harrell discussed scheduling a retreat to consider a CIP for the City of Monticello infrastructure issues and potentially have a representative from Senate Ossoff’s office to provide assistance at the retreat. The date is tentative for a Saturday in August.
2. **MOU between the City of Monticello and Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce** – Motion to approve the MOU by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. All in favor.
3. **Code Enforcement** – Motion to accept the IGA as present by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.
4. **Comprehensive Plan**
 - a. **NEGRC assistance** - Motion to approve the NEGRC agreement and fee of \$4,500 by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.
 - b. **Appointing Council Members to Committee** – Mayor Pro Tem Currie and Councilmember Wease
5. **City Vehicle Policy** – Motion to adopt the city vehicle policy as stated in attachment by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in Favor.
6. **Repointing Brick** – Motion to accept the two quotes from Wilson Construction to repair the plaster at the amount of \$40,400 pending a 10-year warranty by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

Council Comments:

Mayor Harrell – Stated she’s partnering with the Get Ahead House and Georgia City Solutions Mayor’s Reading Club to improve the literacy rates in the state of Georgia and the program will start in September.

Mayor Pro Tem Currie – Be Safe.

Councilmember Murphy – had no comment.

Councilmember Wease – Stay cool, it’s going to get hot again. Stay Safe.

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 6:55 p.m. to discuss personnel and real state made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. to enter regular session made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Vote was unanimous. No action taken.

Motion to grant 30 days severance pay to the city manager made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Wease. Voting 3-2; Councilmembers Murphy, Thurman, and Wease in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Currie and Councilmember Miller opposed.

Motion to accept the new language as worded in the city manager contract made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Voting 4-1; Mayor Pro Tem Currie and Councilmembers Murphy, Wease and Thurman in favor and Councilmember Miller opposed.

Motion to grant the city manager one week of sick leave to at the normal accrue time stated in the personnel policy made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting 4-1. Councilmembers Miller, Murphy, Thurman, and Wease in favor and Mayor Pro Tem opposed.

Motion to grant city manager 30 hours of vacation made by councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Voting 3-2, Councilmembers Miller, Thurman, and Wease in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Currie and Councilmember Murphy opposed,

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.