



Gail Harrell
Mayor

Doug Currie
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David Wease
Council Member

Larry Thurman
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Cynthia Miller
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Jenny Murphy
Council Member

LaThaydra Sands
City Manager

Carnethia Pennamon
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 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 Manager LaThaydra Sands and City Clerk Carnethia Pennamon were present.

Media Present – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

Invocation – The invocation was given by Councilmember Thurman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk called the roll.

Agenda Approval – The agenda was approved with the addition of adding Item #8 Park Reservation – Hurricane Booster Club Pep Rally and Item #9 GPS Tracking Devices. 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 July 12, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

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

Citizens comments:

Tausha Davis, 252 Webb Street - Thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the speed bumps on Webb Street and stated her concerns about her neighbor's shed being four feet off the property line.

Dorthy Hirneisen, 313 Person Street – Addressed your troubles regarding the water and sewer charges and sewer being the same when watering. She recommended the City have a cap on the sewer charges.

Craig Lashley, 260 West Washington Street – Expressed his worries about the intersection at Church Street and West Washington Street where several car accidents have taken place. He suggested the City reduce the speed limit and add a crosswalk or contact GDOT to do so.

Speakers:

Historic Preservation Commission – David Thompson, Chair – Replied to the citizens comments addressing the issue at 226 Webb Street. He also updated the Mayor and Council on the COAs in development: 552 Forsyth Street, 140 W. Greene Street; the total amount of COAs for the year (22), and the newly submitted COAs: 144 N Warren Street - Jordan Engineering- approved, 732 Eatonton Street - conditional approved, and 283 N Warren Street - issued incorrect COA.

Agenda Items:

1. **Ethics Committee Reappointment** – Mayor Harrell reminded the council the Ethics Board Committee needs to be reappointed or appoint new members and asked the Council to submit names of members that would like to serve on the Ethics Board.
2. **Approval of Quotes**
 - a. Tree Removal - motion to table the tree removal pending additional investigation made by Murphy, seconded by Wease. All in favor.
 - b. Workstations for City Hall - motion to approve the new workstations made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.
 - c. Pressure Washing for City Hall - motion to approve Stokes Interior to pressure wash the City Hall and playground at \$3200 made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.
 - d. Gas and Electric Building - motion to approve the initial cost of \$4075 for the site work by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.
 - e. Motion to put the clearing the heavily wooded, clearing near the road and site, and earth moving out for bid at the approximate amount of \$40,000 made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.
3. **Blockstream Transfer** - motion to transfer the Blockstream fund from Bank of Monticello to Ameris Bank to the public money market account made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.
4. **Ameris Bank Purchasing Cards** - table. 4-1, Councilmember Thurman opposed.
5. **City Manager Cash Management Approval** - motion to approve the new city manager to have access to the bank accounts made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. All in favor.
6. **GDOT TA Grant Application** - Mayor Harrell made council aware of the application process and Anna, Senator Ossoff's Office, would assist in the application process.
7. **Employee Confidentiality Agreement** - motion to approve the employee confidentiality agreement by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. All in favor.
8. **Park Reservations** - Hurricane Booster Club Prep Rally, August 18th - motion to approve the reservation for the Booster Club event without the usage of the restrooms made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. 4-1, opposed by Councilmember Thurman
9. **GPS for city vehicles** - motion to attach 5 more GPS tracking devices to city vehicles made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor.

District Updates:

Mayor Harrell – No comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Currie – Stated at the intersection of Funderburg Drive and Hwy 380 trees are blocking driver's vision.

Councilmember Murphy – No comment.

Councilmember Wease – No comment.

Councilmember Thurman – Stated Blue Ruin and Five Points Neighborhoods need children at play signs.

Councilmember Miller – Questioned why internet services was only limited to one provider inside the city limits, opposed to other providers for competition.

Executive Session for Real Estate - Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss real state made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. to enter regular session made by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Vote was unanimous. No action taken in executive session.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.