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Douglas Currie
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LaThaydra Sands
City Manager

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**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
September 13, 2022
6:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Gail Harrell called the work session to order at 6pm.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

The invocation was given by Rev. William Gibson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Manager called roll (City Clerk was late due to training).

Mayor Gail Harrell	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Doug Currie	Present
Councilmember Cynthia Miller	Present
Councilmember Jenny Murphy	Present
Councilmember Larry Thurman	Present
Councilmember David Wease	Present

Staff Present

LaThaydra Sands, City Manager
Carnethia Pennamon, City Clerk
Joe Reitman, City Attorney

Media Present

Kathy Mudd, the Monticello News

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

Consent Agenda to include:

Approval of Minutes - August 9, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes as presented, other than the typography error under Craig made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

Approval of Check Register

Motion to approve the check register as presented by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

Citizen Comments

Rev. William Gibson, 1041 MLK Drive, gave a memorial tribute and a selection of music in light to September 11th.

Speakers

Brenda Jacobs – Jasper County Senior Center Director – Senior SNAP Enrollment Initiative, was not present.

Chamber of Commerce – Brandi Seawright and Jordana Pope

Brandi introduced Jordana, the director for the Chamber and briefly discussed the upcoming events hosted by the Chamber. Lunch and Learn on September 22nd, Golf Tournament at Idlewild at Indian Springs on October 5th, Susan Holmes Retirement Reception on October 4th, Scarecrow contest held during the month of October and Haunticello on October 31st.

1. a. Travel Policy Meeting Date

Mayor Pro Tem Currie and Council Member Miller had not met but discussed the policy briefly and will be working the travel policy soon.

b. Monticello Get ahead House Annual Fall Festival 10/22/2022

The Get Ahead House request the City's square for a fundraiser from 8am and 5pm with 50 or more people.

Motion to approve the park reservation by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Thurman.

Discussion: Murphy questioned if the sheriff's department had approved the event.

Ms. Roberta stated she would seek approval from Sheriff Pope the next morning.

Councilmember Wease rescinded his initial motion and amended the motion to approve the park reservation contingent upon approval from Sheriff Pope, seconded by Thurman. All in favor.

c. Oktoberfest 10/29/2022

Community event at Sands Drive Park with 50 or more people.

Motion to approve the park reservation contingent upon approval by Sheriff Pope Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem. All in favor.

2. Ethics Committee

Mayor Harrell stated Joyce Wallace would like to be removed from the committee, and no contact had been made with Mr. Forsyth on his state with the committee.

Motion to approve Carole Norris, Judy Hunsuckler, and Wanda Cummings by Councilmember Murphy and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie All in favor.

3. Public Hearing:

2022V-005 - Keith Smith as applicant/owner requests a rezoning of 100 Poplar Street from R20 Medium Density Single-Family Residential District to R15 Medium Density Single-Family Residential District. The tract is shown on tax map M03 053.

City Attorney Reitman called the public hearing to order at 6:30pm and read the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Keith Smith, 1985 Hwy 11 North, stood before the Council in favor of the rezoning request. He stated that the home would be inside the setbacks for the new zoning.

Rami El-Jourbagy, 547 College Street, stood in opposition to the rezoning, He stated the city is experience growth due to the metro industrial expanding, but the City of Monticello should smartly grow the city.

Greg Holder, 160 Westview Street, stood in opposition to the to the rezoning due to the setbacks on both front streets.

Connie Hughes, 509 College Street, stood in opposition as well. She was in disbelief of the size of the pie-shaped property and stated visually the potential house would be an eye sort to the neighbors.

Closed Public hearing at 6:48pm by City Attorney Reitman

Motion to approve the re-zoning from R20 to R15 made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie and seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

4. ~~Monticello CD (duplicate)~~

5. Monticello CD Account

Motion to keep the CD account at Newton Federal and convert to a money market in December 2022 made by Council member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Miller. All in favor.

6. Purchasing Threshold – Doug Currie

Motion to increase the City Manager purchasing threshold from 2000 to 5000 with one signature from Council by Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Wease. Vote: 4-1; Council Member Thurman opposed.

7. Annexation of Highway 83 North

Motion to move forward with the annexation process with the property on Hwy 83 North made by Council Member Murphy seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

8. KS State Bank Financing for the Grapple Truck

City Manager briefed the Mayor and Council on the payment arrangement with KS State Bank; 5 payments of \$42,409.02 starting June 1, 2023.

Motion to table the financing for the Grapple Truck made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease All in favor.

9. Board Appointments – Doug Currie

Board Appointments for the following boards: DDA, 911, Board of Health, and Planning Zoning

Motion to appoint Doug Currie to DDA Board and to re-appoint Council Member Wease to the Board of Health made by Council Member Murphy seconded by Council Member Thurman. All in favor.

Motion table the appointments for the Boards of 911 and Planning and Zoning made by Seconded by Miller All in favor

Mayor Harrell stated to bring forth names to the City Manager by the next Council meeting.

10. City Event – Netflix - The Curse of Bridge Hollow Movie on the Square

Motion to approve the City event by Council Member Thurman, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

Date to be announced.

11. Professional Photos Quote

Motion to approve the professional photos and capping the price at \$1,025 made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Miller. All in favor.

12. Alcohol Code Amendment

a. Ordinance

Motion to approve the first reading of the alcohol code amendment made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

b. Alcohol License Approval- 3 Short Street Marissa Nimmala dba 786 Monticello

Motion to approve alcohol license for Marissa Nimmala, 3 Short Street made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

City Manager Update

City Manager present to the council the electric department Gresco invoice for 36 power poles in the amount of \$15,902.

Motion to approve made by Council Member Thurman, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor

Recommended to add conducting credit checks to personnel policy for applicants handling money.

Council Member Miller and Wease stated conducting a credit check is a little too personal. No motion to move forward with this item.

Stated the following policies needed to be updated: Substance Abuse, Vehicle, Cellphone, Park Reservations

Council discussed for the City Manager to move forward with looking into updating the polices

Recommended to hire a Finance Director between the salary of \$60k and \$70k

Motion to advertise for a finance director and give the City Manager permission to hire in the range or \$60k to \$75k for salary made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Wease Vote: 4-1; opposed by Council Member Murphy.

Recommended for Safe Built to conduct the inspections for the City of Monticello once the City is out of contract with the County. Safe Built will receive a portion of the fee, once a fee schedule is set, and safe Built will include a license to the software.

Motion to allow the City Manager to pursue with the Safe Built about building inspections and fee schedule made by Mayor Pro Tem seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor

City Manager asked for permission to pay for the following fees: GGFOA, GLGPA, GCCMA, ICMA dues

Motion to approve for the City Manager pay the dues made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

Discussed Text myGov app, a citizen engagement platform to communicate with the City Hall, for the next budget year. The amount is \$4,500 for the first year and includes a \$1,500 implementation fee.

Employee Highlights for 30 years of service with the City of Monticello Monte Roper and Donnie McCullen. Suggests providing both employees with two days off.

Mayor Update

Mayor Harrell state the Mayor's Reading Club Day is set for September 14th and has partner with the Jasper County School System to read to the local third graders on four separate days. She will also read to the kids at the Get Ahead House as well as the library system. She encouraged the council to join her.

Council Update

Mayor Pro Tem Currie - No Comment

Council Member Miller – No Comment

Council Member Murphy – No Comment

Council Member Thurman – No Comment

Council Member Wease – No Comment

Executive Session - Real Estate

Motion to go into executive session at 8:05pm made by Council member Wease, seconded by Council Member Murphy. Motion to end executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Miller. All in favor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm