



Gail Harrell
Mayor

Douglas Currie
Mayor Pro Tem

David Wease
Council Member

Larry Thurman
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Cynthia Miller
Council Member

Jenny Murphy
Council Member

LaThaydra Sands
City Manager

Carnethia Pennamon
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

October 11, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

The invocation was given by Council Member Wease followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk called roll.

Gail Harrell, Mayor	Present
Doug Currie, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Larry Thurman, Council Member	Absent
David Wease, Council Member	Present
Cynthia Miller, Council Member	Present
Jenny Murphy, Council Member	Present

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

Consent Agenda to include:

- a. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2022 - ECG Work Session, September 13, 2022 - Regular Council Meeting, September 21, 2022 - Special Called Meeting, and October 6, 2022 - Work Session**

Motion to approve all minutes as stated by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

- b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 44315 – 44445**

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

c. Approval for Invoices over \$5,000

1) Over and Under Contractors - Substation Pole Change Out \$19,010.40 +15% if rock is encountered

Motion to approve the invoice for Over and Under Contractors as stated by Council Member Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

d. PermaTherm Transformer

Motion to approve the purchase of a new transformer for PermaTherm extension up to \$50,000 made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

Citizen Comments

The Citizens Comment section of the agenda allows citizens who sign up to address the City Council for not more than three (3) minutes on specific topics. The City Clerk will keep time. Please be courteous of the 3-minute time limit.

Roberta Anderson of 275 Frobel Street, Monticello, GA, thanked the council for extending the budget for the Get Ahead House and stated her concerns about the red dirt at the Funderburg Drive Park. She questioned is there any funds to allocated to do the park. Mayor Harrell requested a meeting to discuss Ms. Anderson concerns later.

Rev. William Gibson of 1042 MLK Drive, Monticello, GA, also addressed his concerns at the Funderburg Drive Park and stated he was glad to be back after being hospitalized.

Presentations/Delegations

Presentations/Delegations allow scheduled speakers to address City Council for not more than six (6) minutes on specific topics or for recognition of citizens, city employees, or other events by Mayor and Council.

- a. Station 3 Fire Department – Mike Benton County Manager
Mike Benton, Jasper County BOC County Manager, briefed Council on the Fire Station 3 ISO rating and requested the Council to transfer the title to the County for parcel #03016001(the Fire House Building) and parcel #034020001(Driveway from Highway 212 to the rear of the Fire House) to help the ISO rating.

Agenda Items

a. Station 3 Fire Department Approval

Motion to transfer title of Fire Station 3 to Jasper County Board of Commissioners with the purchase price of \$1 made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor. Council requested the Jasper County BOC Attorney to draft the deed and have the City Attorney review it.

b. Ethics Committee Appointment- (2 Appointees) – Tabled

c. Planning and Zoning Appointments (2 Appointees)

Appointees: Billy Bryant and AJ Stewart

Motion to approve the appointees made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

d. 911 Authority Appointment (1 Appointee)

Appointee: Denise Hawkins-Garland

Motion to approve the appointee made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

e. Alcohol Code Amendment-2nd reading and Adoption

Mayor Harrell read the amendment for the second reading.

Motion to approve the amended alcohol code made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

f. New City Logo - Rebranding

The council discussed the item and would like to move to a later date.

g. Revolving Loan Fund

Motion to keep the Revolving Loan Fund if we can appoint a review board made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

h. Onboarding - Credit Check – Tabled

i. MGAG Admin

Mayor Harrell presented to the Council a letter from MGAG for a part-time Gas Administrator to be discussed at the December meeting.

j. Townhall Meeting

Motion for the City to host a town hall meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 6pm made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

k. DDA Christmas Décor – Wendell Yoder

Wendell Yoder, DDA Chair, presented a quote to the Council from Universal Concepts in the amount of \$21,575 for the square's Christmas décor.

Motion to approve \$20,000 for the Christmas décor from Universal Concepts and DDA will cover the additional cost made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. Vote 3-1, Council Member Wease against.

City Manager Update

City manager Sands stated Jasper County SPLOST collections ends March 31, 2024, and the Jasper County BOC is planning to place a referendum on the March 21, 2023, ballot to continue collecting the one cent tax beginning April 2021. The Jasper County BOC is trying to approve the SPLOST resolution at the December 5, 2022, meeting, and needs the Council to identify projects and pricing at the next Council meeting. GDOT TA Grant received five times as more than expected applications, they are still reviewing applications, and the final decision should be made by the end of October. She also stated Frank Dumas, facility maintenance, reached out to Mr. Wilson for the bricking repointing of City Hall and the estimated date to start is October 17, 2022. Robert approached Waymon to determine if the city would issue permission (permit) for an 8" sewer line extension to serve the part of the GAP Family

Partnership property adjacent to Piedmont Academy on Hwy 212W. This is proposed roughly 30-acre development area, with mix of retail, restaurant and office use that would generate around 3500 gallons per day of effluent. If the City grants permission the developer would incur all the costs of the proposed sewer extension and it would be built to City specs with dedication to the City and maintenance easements. Robert is requesting a written documentation confirming if the extension is possible. She briefed the Council on the ECG Rate Classification Study training offered the front office staff in November 2022 (the date is TBA) and the office would be closed for 4 hours. The Curse of Bridge Hollow will be released this Friday, October 14, 2022. The department heads and herself will review the movie to ensure that there aren't any surprises prior to the view. The movie is rated TV-14 which Netflix defines as TV-14 and parents are strongly cautioned. City Manager Sands also asked for permission to attend the ECG Annual meeting at Lake Oconee on December 5th and 6th, and council gave consensus to attend and stay at the Ritz Carlton.

Mayor Update- L.O.S.T Mediation

Mayor Harrell stated the L.O.S.T Mediation date has been set for October 21st at 9:30 am in the Jasper County Commissioners Chamber and the mediator will be present from Cordele.

Council Update

Council Member Murphy - No Comment

Council Member Miller - No Comment

Mayor Pro Tem Currie - No Comment

Council Member Wease - No Comment

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Murphy at 7:24 pm, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.