

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**December 12, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Currie called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6pm.

**2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Minister Dwayne Miller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Mayor Pro Tem Currie, Council Members Miller and Murphy were present.

Staff Present: LaThaydra Sands, City Manager and Carnethia Pennamon, City Clerk

**4. Agenda Approval – Retirement as Item K by Council Member Miller and table Items E, F, and J.**

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

**5. Consent Agenda to include:**

**a. Approval of Minutes:**

1) November 14, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting

Motion to approve the November 14, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Miller. All in Favor.

**b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 46053 – 46134**

Motion to approve the the Check Register – Check's 46053 – 46134 made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

**6. 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.*

David Thompson, 1237 Forsyth Street, stated he couldn't find the agenda posted on the city's website and that the agenda should be firm and published seven days before the meeting. It's been two years since he mentioned speed calming signs and there has been no action have been taken. Encouraged the council to approve the Comprehensive Plan, manage the Waste Management, and allow the citizens to engage in civil conversations with the Council during the meetings.

Bobbie Sands, 181 Sands Drive, stated she owns land in the Hunter's Ridge neighborhood and the current zoning will not allow her to place a Manufactured/Mobile Home, only a stick built home on the property. She requested the council to rezone the Hunter's Ridge neighborhood so she could place a Manufactured/Mobile Home on her property.

Evelyn Driskell, 847 Webb Street, stated she feared for her safety while walking at Funderburg Park, and requested for the council would do a trail walk at the Sands Drive Park. Mrs. Driskell also thanked the council for paving her road.

## 7. Action Items

### a. Park Reservation – Downtown Square – Piedmont Academy

Motion to approve the Park Reservation – Downtown Square – Piedmont Academy made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. Vote 2-1. Council Member Miller did not vote due to the unknown.

### b. Monticello Housing Authority Board Appointments

Motion to approve the Monticello Housing Authority Board Appointments; Walter Smith, Rachel Torrance, Cynthia Davis, and Larue Camp made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

### c. Alcohol Renewals

- 1) Circle K Stores
- 2) McMichael's Package
- 3) Monticello Food Mart
- 4) Hide-A-Way Inc.
- 5) El Giro Mexican Restaurant
- 6) Taqueria La Eskina
- 7) AAP Monticello Inc
- 8) Saqi LLC
- 9) Blaque Butterfly
- 10) Ingles Markets #496
- 11) Akash Grocery Bank

Motion to renew the alcohol licenses for the city's businesses made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

### d. Joint Comprehensive Plan Adoption

Motion to approve the Joint Comprehensive Plan was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

### e. Office Rental Space - Tabled

**f. Dissolve IGA for Blockstream – Tabled**

**g. Waste Management Annual CPI Rate Adjustment – Tabled**

Motion to table the Waste Management Annual CPI Rate Adjustment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

**h. Call for Special Elections**

Motion to approve the Call for Special Elections for the elections held on March 12, 2024, for the District 2, Post 1 Council Member seat made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

**i. Water Plant Filter Replacement and ARPA Project Amendment**

Motion to approve the ARPA Project amendment to replace the Water Plant Filter was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

**j. GEFA Loan – Lead Inventory – Existing Service Lines – Tabled**

**k. Retirement**

Council Member Miller rescinded her motion for Retirement made on November 14, 2023.

**8. City Manager Update**

Invitation for Bid 2023 for the unimproved properties was sent to Joe. Since it involves earnest money, sales contracts, and closing documents, Joe stated a resolution must be passed prior to being placed out for bid, which he will provide for the January meeting.

Audit Update: Timetable for the audits will be completed by CKH Group for FY 2020 by December 22<sup>nd</sup>, FY 2021 by January 15<sup>th</sup>, and FY 2022 by February 19<sup>th</sup> to be audited by Bates and Carter.

Special Elections: the qualifying period will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am until 4:30pm, early voting will begin February 19<sup>th</sup>, and the election will be on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Overview has a weatherization assistance program. We will be placing on our website, social media, and have applications available for the citizens.

Candlelight Vigil will be hosted on the Square in honor of Council Member David Wease on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm until 6:30pm. The funeral has been scheduled for Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Hillsboro Baptist Church.

**9. Council Update**

Mayor Pro Tem Currie stated David will be missed. Although they had many disagreements and agreements, he's the reason Mayor Pro Tem Currie is in this seat. Sent prayers to David's family and friends.

Council Member Miller stated it has been an honor and pleasure to serve the past eight years and thanked the citizens for given her the opportunity to be a servant for them. She will miss David because he had a passion for the city and the citizens. She also thanked the City Manager, LaThaydra.

Council Member Murphy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated David will be missed.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 6:30pm was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in Favor.