

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**February 13, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Thurman called the regular council meeting to order at 6pm.

**2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Rev. William Gibson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

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

Staff: LaThaydra Sands, Carnethia Pennamon, and Isaac Nesler

Media Present: Susan Jacobs, the Monticello News

**4. Agenda Approval**

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

**5. Consent Agenda to include:**

**a. Approval of Minutes:**

- 1) January 4, 2024 – Special Called Meeting
- 2) January 9, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

**b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 46260 – 46347**

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Council Member Murphy seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**6. Agenda Items**

**a. Sealed Bids Openings – Unimproved Properties**

Motion to move the opening of the sealed bids for the unimproved properties and extend the closing of the bid to the next meeting in March made by Council Member Harrell.

Council Member Harrell rescinded her initial motion.

Motion to have a workday on February 19<sup>th</sup> and open the sealed bids at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

**7. Action Items**

**a. Alcohol License Approval – Family Dollar**

Motion to approve the alcohol license for Family Dollar made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**b. Cart Increase**

Motion to accept the cart increase made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

**c. MCT Signatories/ Incumbency and Resolution**

Motion to accept the resolution for the Municipal Competitive Trust and name Michael Boykin, Jenny Murphy, Gail Harrell, and Larry Thurman as the representatives made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

**d. Road Repairs – Houston Asphalt**

Motion to accept the Houston Asphalt bid with the streets named on the bid estimate with a portion coming out of SPLOST and the rest coming out of the street department budget made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

**e. Crown Castle Pole Attachment Agreement**

Motion to allow Crown Castle to attach to the city’s poles made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

**f. Surplus Resolution Under \$500**

Motion to pass the resolution to allow surplus items under \$500 made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**g. Surplus Land Resolution 2024 Mine Lake**

Motion to accept the resolution to put Mine Lake out for sealed bids made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**h. Notice of Withdrawal Adel**

Motion to withdraw from Adel made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

**i. Notice of Withdrawal Fitzgerald**

Motion to remain in Fitzgerald made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. Vote: 3 – 1. Council Member Harrell voted against the motion.

**j. DDA Board Nomination: Ian Pulka**

Motion to accept Ian Pulka to the DDA Board made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

**k. City Hall Repairs**

Motion to accept Barry Franklin’s bid in the amount of \$38,150 for the repointing and resealing of city hall made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

**l. Harris CSI System Upgrades**

Motion to approve the upgrades for Harris Local Government CSI software package made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**8. 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.*

Wanda Cummings, 349 W. Greene Street, stated her issues with the traffic on the square and questioned if the council would consider no trucks in the downtown area signs and have them detoured off the office square, and repaint the line in the square. She also suggested putting the city court back in place to enforce ordinances.

Jeff Russell, developer of the Amoco store, informed the council of a letter he received from Cary Oil, congratulating him on his store for being one of the four being displayed at the national convention in Arizona. He also apologized for any negative publicity about the store and stated if the legal activities are confirmed he will take appropriate action.

**9. City Manager Update**

Monticello Square Traffic: Reached out to Kendrick to schedule an additional plan for the square and they have agreed to meet in Tennille. The dates they are available February 19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> after one o’clock, February 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hunter’s Ridge Phase 1: Robert Jordan is accepting bids until February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm, so far seven contractors contact him about placing a bid in.

Electric and Gas Facility: The internet has been installed by AT&T and Nocwing will be in next week to do a site visit to complete the installation. Still waiting on Steel Co to complete the repairs that was reported and will send out a follow up email.

Waymon needs a new jet machine and will come out of SPLOST.

The Draft Permit for White Oak Creek was received at the end of January and still have the same requirements as previous permit with the next testing.

Safe Built has a CPI increase. The letter was dated December 20<sup>th</sup> but not emailed until Monday. The increase went into effect January 20, 2024.

Received a quote from Tad Brownlee for the dilapidated buildings, which is not budgeted and will be discussed during FY 25 Budget.

Meeting with Walt, Waste Management, to address some concerns.

ECG Meeting to discuss houses and the downtown market.

Meeting the HEAT Program representative on February 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss if the city is interested.

Meeting with the representative McNair Middlebrooks and Company at the end of February. They have expressed interest in possibly being our CPA.

Audit Update: We are moving forward with the FY 2020 audit. We are having weekly meetings to discuss our progress and concerns.

List of reminders for upcoming events.

## 10. Council Update

Council Member Murphy stated she is working with a group to do a tour of homes and a Spring Festival to town. For more information she can be reached at the Monticello News.

Council Member Harrell mentioned she passed out the schedule for GMA Annual Conference and notes from District One meeting. She also mentioned she had trouble setting up the Newton Federal account and will get it taken care of.

Mayor Pro Tem Currie thanked everyone who came out and apologized for the confusion on the bid delay.

Mayor Thurman None.

Council Member Thurman None.

## 11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7pm made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.