

REGULAR MEETING

Agenda

April 9, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Currie followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

Staff Present: LaThaydra Sands, City Manager, Carnethia Pennamon, City Clerk, Isaac Nesler, Facility Maintenance and Street Supervisor

Media: 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) March 12, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting
- 2) March 21, 2024 – Budget Work Session
- 3) March 25, 2024 – Budget Work Session

Motion to approve the March 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, March 21, 2024, Budget Work Session, March 25, 2024, Budget Work Session Minutes made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 46512 – 46625

Motion to approve the check register – Check Numbers 46512 – 46625 made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

c. Invoices over \$5,000

1) Electric Dept. – Over and Under General Contractors, Inc. - \$5,456.00

Motion to approve the invoice over \$5,000 for Over and Under General Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$5,456 was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

6. Action Items

a. Park Reservation – Class of 1984 – June 1, 2024 – Sands Drive Park

Motion to approve the park reservation for Class of 1984 on June 1, 2024, was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

b. Short Street ITB

Motion to table to the board is full (until next month) was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

c. Forsyth Street ITB

City Manager Sands gave an update to the council, the environmentalist has begun their testing and has inquired about previous usage of the facility.

d. Paving Contract for Hunters' Ridge and Spruce Street

Motion to approve the paving contract for Hunter's Ridge and Spruce Street project made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

e. Ameris Bank Credit Card

Motion to approve the Ameris Bank Community Credit Card with rewards was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

f. SPLOST – Water Department Jet Machine

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

g. LGRMS Year End Health and Wellness Event

Motion to approve the LGRMS Year End Health and Wellness Event at Pin Strikes in Macon, GA was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

h. Bonafide Roofing- Gulf Plant Office Roof Repair

Motion to approve the Bonafide Roofing estimate for the Gulf Plant Office Roof Repair was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

7. 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.

Mr. And Mrs. Whitlock, 1922 Spruce Street, were looking to replace their current home with an updated modular home but were unaware of the current zoning ordinance. The Whitlocks asked the council about the next step to move forward.

Tammy Parks thanked and praised the Mayor and Council because Monticello is on the move. The tree on Persons Street was wonderfully done, Streets are being paved, and the audits are being worked on. Monticello is on the move. Don't stop, let's keep going. Pray for Council Member Thurman.

Rick Cook, owner of the Farm & Garden, addressed the Short Street ITB. He provided pictures to the council showing the condition the property is in. He stated he doesn't care who the property gets rewarded to, but it needs to be cleaned up.

8. City Manager Update

The new Code Enforcement Officer is up and at it.

A reminder that the Council Retreat is coming up. The Jubilee is on May 11, 2024, and the city will be co-sponsoring. GA Cities week will have the following events: Homeowner and Renters Insurance Class, Picnic in the Park, and a White Goods Pick-up Day.

We are working on outstanding items for the Draft FY 2020 Audit. We have received three requests for the RFP for the Auditor.

Asked the council to advise on their thoughts on the electric department employee training contract so it may be given to Joe to review.

The Planning and Zoning Committee will continue to work on the updated zoning ordinance.

SPLOST 2024 collections will begin this month and at the next meeting we will open an account for the collections.

The title for the Wrecked Ford Escape has been requested and once it arrives it will be sent to GIRMA. They will pick up the vehicle and release the check.

Isaac will take care of the concerned section of the building by the dropbox.

9. Council Update

Council Member Harrell reminded everyone that the Beautify of Monticello Clean Up will be held on April 27th and they will continue to work on Spruce Street. She also stated she was contacted by Keep Georgia Clean, and they want to help with the cleanup, and she will provide an update at the next council meeting. Wished Mayor Pro Tem Currie a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Murphy stated it's a great time to clean up for Tour of Monticello.

Mayor Pro Tem Currie inquired on the update of Council Member Thurman.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 6:43pm made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.