

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

May 14, 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 Womack were present.

Staff Present: LaThaydra Sands, City Manager, Carnethia Pennamon, City Clerk, and Isaac Nesler, Facility Maintenance and Public Works Director.

Media Present: Susan Jacobs, the Monticello News

4. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

5. Consent Agenda to include:

a. Approval of Minutes:

- 1) March 28, 2024 – Budget Work Session
- 2) April 1, 2024 – Budget Work Session
- 3) April 4, 2024 – Budget Work Session
- 4) April 9, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting
- 5) April 19, 2024 – Special Called Meeting

Motion to approve the March 28, 2024 – Budget Work Session, April 1, 2024 – Budget Work Session, April 4, 2024 – Budget Work Session, April 9, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting, April 19, 2024 – Special Called Meeting minutes as written made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 46626 – 46750

Motion to approve the Check Register #'s 46626 – 46750 was made by Council Member Harrell, Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

c. Invoices over \$5,000

1) Electric Dept. – Utec Construction, Inc. – \$6,978.38

Motion to approve the invoice over \$5,000 for Utec Construction, Inc in the amount of \$6,978.38 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Womack. All in favor.

6. Presentation

a. Building Department Proposal – Zac Middleton

Zachary Middleton presented to the city council a proposal for the city to implement a building department and how the department could benefit the city.

7. Action Items

a. Alcohol License Approval – MARS Market, Inc. – 552 Forsyth Street

Motion to approve the alcohol license for MARS Market, Inc located at 552 Forsyth Street made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

b. Alcohol License Approval – Monticello Mart, Inc. –142 Frobel Street

Motion to approve alcohol license for Monticello Mart, Inc located at 142 Frobel Street made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Womack. All in favor.

c. Alcohol License Approval – Monticello Fuels, LLC. – 610 Forsyth Street

Motion to approve alcohol license for Monticello Fuels, LLC located at 610 Forsyth Street made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Womack. All in favor.

d. GMA District 5 Ballot

Motion to accept the GMA’s District 5 Officers 2024 -2025 Ballot made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in Favor.

e. GP Booster Pump Station Modification

Motion to approve the GP Booster Pump Station Modification in the amount of \$28,909.17 made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

f. Emergency Work

Motion to approve the emergency work in the amount of \$8,156.92 made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

g. Electric Bucket Truck Maintenance Work – Fuel System Approval

Motion to approve the electric bucket truck maintenance in the amount of \$12,251.35 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

h. Lift Station Generator

Motion to provide the money to replace the lift station generator was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Womack.

i. Hays Tractor Bushhog SLPOST

Motion to approve the Hays Tractor Bushhog quote in the amount of \$4,950.00 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

j. Audit Services RFP Approval

Motion to table and put the audit back out to bid made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

k. Bank Signature Cards Approval

Motion to add Tim Womack to all of the city's bank signature cards was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

l. SPLOST 2024 Bank Account Approval

Motion to approve the SPLOST 2024 Bank Account at Newton Federal Bank was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

m. Short Street Bid Approval

Motion to not sell the Short Street property at this time was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

n. FY 25 Event Calendar Approval

Motion to approve the FY 2025 Event Calendar as presented was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, 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 West Greene Street, discussed the Christmas lighting of the Square, the junk yard on Forsyth Street, and questioned if the cement corners could be made smaller and make the crosswalks mid square.

James Jarczak, 31 Water Oak Drive, stated his issue with the deteriorating roads in the Oak Ridge Subdivision and questioned whether the city could issue impact fees to the construction companies to help repair the roads.

Stephanie Puckett, 228 Honeysuckle Road, questioned the city's parking lot on Funderburg Drive, and stated her opinion on the sale of the Short Street property.

KP Patterson, owner of Blaque Butterfly at Reese Hall, invited the council and citizens to the Smoke over Monticello Barbeque competition and stated his concerns with the broken-up cement and potholes in front of his business.

9. City Manager Update

Spoke with Jon McBrayer with ECG to conduct a visionary/education series with the council and stated the available dates to consider.

Kelly Property will not be larger enough and with the cows will not work for the LAS project. Still on a search for additional properties.

Election Day is May 21st.

Graduation Date is May 23rd for Certified City Manager Program.

The Chamber is hosting Senior Day at the Chamber on May 23rd.

The Nocwing upgrade phone system meeting on May 29th.

Hosting City Wide Staff Meeting/Employee Appreciation Breakfast in June and date to come.

Questioned whether the council had any feedback on the employee training reimbursement contract.

The city received the insurance check for the wrecked Escape.

10. Council Update

Council Member Harrell stated the clean-up for the city for the month of May was cancelled and she is getting frustrated by cleaning up the same streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Currie thanked everyone for coming out.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:01pm made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Womack. All in favor.