

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**June 11, 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, Murphy, Thurman, and Womack were present.

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

Media Present: Susan Jacobs, the Monticello News

**4. Agenda Approval**

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

**5. Consent Agenda to include:**

**a. Approval of Minutes:**

- 1) May 6, 2024 – Budget Work Session
- 2) May 13, 2024 – Joint City and County Work Session and Budget Work Session
- 3) May 14, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting
- 4) May 20, 2024 – Budget Work Session

**b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 46751 – 47106**

Motion to approve the consent agenda which includes May 6, 2024, Budget Work Session, May 13, 2024, Joint City and County Work Session and Budget Work Session, May 14, 2024, Regular council Meeting, May 20, 2024, Budget Work Session, and the Check Register for Check #'s 46751 – 47106 was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Womack. All in favor.

## 6. Action Items

### a. Park Reservation – Sands Drive Park – Dyshon Norwood – October 26, 2024

Motion to approve the Park Reservation for Sands Drive Park for Dyshon Norwood on October 26, 2024, as long as he receives clearance from the Sheriff's Office made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

### b. Funderburg Drive "Street Eat" Block Closure Request

Motion to approve the Funderburg Drive Street Eat Block Closure Request with the approval of the Sheriff's Department was made by Council Member Womack, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

### c. Request for use of Council Chambers – Jasper County Senior Center Bingo Fundraiser – July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 2pm

Motion to approve the request for use of Council Chambers for the Jasper County Senior Center Bingo Fundraiser on July 27, 2024, from 11am until 2pm was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

### d. Springfield Church Picnic Road Closure Request – June 15, 2024

Motion to approve the Road Closure Request on June 15, 2024, for the Springfield Baptist Annual Picnic was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

### e. Speed Bumps Request – Julia Street

Motion to approve the speed bump request for Julia Street was by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

### ~~f. Ethics Board Training~~

### g. HPC Board Appointments

Motion to reappoint Zachary Middleton, Dianne Parker, and David Thompson to the Historic Preservation Commission was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

### h. 911 Authority Board Appointments

Motion to table the 911 Authority Board Appointments was made by Council Member Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in Favor.

**i. Telecom Preliminary Final Settlement**

Motion to deposit 100% of the Telecom Preliminary Final Settlement in the Municipal Competitive Trust Fund was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**j. Get Ahead House Fire Panel**

Motion to replace the Get Ahead House Fire Panel was made by Council Member Womack, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**k. Towee Street Repair**

Motion to table until more information is received was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

**l. Spruce Street Generator**

Motion to table the Spruce Street Generator was made by Council Member Womack, seconded by Council Member Murphy.

**m. Meter Reader Vehicle**

Motion to purchase the Meter Reader Vehicle from Covington Ford as long as the price is no higher than \$37,966 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Womack. All in favor.

**n. Chamber of Commerce MOU**

Motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce MOU with no changes was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Harrell. All in favor.

**o. Get Ahead House MOU**

Motion to approve the Get Ahead House MOU was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

~~**p. Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Approval**~~

**q. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Adoption (Millage Rate and Budget Resolution)**

Motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget with the budget amount of \$12,105,760 and the Rollback Millage Rate of 3.533 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Womack. 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.*



Tammy Knight-Parks, 235 Key Street, stated she recently asked the electric department to trim back a tree near her property. When her request was made, Michael told her he didn't have the proper equipment nor enough funds to do so. Ms. Parks asked the council to increase the electric department budget so inquiries as such come be accommodated. Since the budget was passed prior to her comment, she felt as if her complaint was insufficient.

Roberta Anderson, 275 Frobel Street, stated to correct the speeding issue on Julia Street you will have to place speed bumps on Frobel Street as well. She requested the council to put speed bumps on Frobel Street.

Sheila Pounds, 737 Sands Drive, thanked the council for the Juneteenth Festival and the Parade, welcomed Council Member Thurman back, and stated her concerns on the council no longer funding the Jasper County Public Library.

## **8. City Manager Update**

City Manager LaThaydra provided clarification on the funding the city provides to the Monticello – Jasper County Chamber of Commerce.

The department heads have submitted budget amendments and there are more that will need to be made once the budget year is closed out.

Staff Meeting and Appreciation was originally scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> but has been rescheduled to July 12<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a safety meeting hosted by LGMRS to address some of the safety concerns.

We are still working with Carter & Sloope to get a plan for LAS as well as alternatives.

Amanda with Bates and Carter is looking at 4 to 6 months to complete the audit.

## **9. Council Update**

Council Member Murphy invited everyone to Musical Theatre Camp Performances.

Council Member Harrell stated that beautify Monticello is this Saturday starting at 8am. She also informed everyone she attended the Department Natural Resources Grant Seminar

Council Member Thurman stated it was good to be back in his seat.

Mayor Pro Tem Currie invited the public out to the Classic Cars Cruise In on the third Saturday of the month from 5pm to 7pm.

## **10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 6:51pm was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Womack. All in favor.