

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

November 8, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Call to Order at 6:03pm by Mayor Gail Harrell

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Rev. William Gibson, followed by the pledge of allegiance, and the City Clerk called the roll.

Gail Harrell, Mayor	Present
Doug Currie, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Larry Thurman, Council Member	Present
David Wease, Council Member	Present
Cynthia Miller, Council Member	Present
Jenny Murphy, Council Member	Present

Agenda Approval – Amended agenda table Item E made by Council Member Miller and remove Item J made by Council Member Murphy.

Motion to approve the agenda with the changes by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in Favor.

Consent Agenda to include:

- a. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2022 - Regular Council Meeting and October 21, 2022 - Special Called Meeting – Motion to approve the minutes by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.
- b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 44446 – 44556 – Motion to approve the check register by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.
Council Member Murphy questioned the GIRMA check.
- c. Approval for Invoices/Quotes over \$5,000
 - 1) Sands Drive Park Fencing – Motion to approve the Pro Fence invoice in the amount of \$8,775 pending the certificate of insurance by Council Member Thurman, seconded by Council Member Miller. All in favor.

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 Cumming of 339 West Greene Street stated her concerns for the parking for Adam McGinnis request for conditional use.

Stephanie Puckett of 228 Honeysuckle Road voiced her concerns with about the overgrown shrubbery near 219 College Street which preventing access to the sidewalk, stormwater drainage off Georgia Highway 16 which has her washed driveway out, and problem with the parking on the square.

Sheila Jones of 737 Sands Drive addressed her concerns with the policy for \$25 permit fee for the park reservations, and Sanders Height Street repair. She also questioned the funds for infrastructure from Senator Ossoff's office, and the next step for infrastructure. City Manager responded to the Commissioner Jones Public Workers Director and herself met with the Director of Housing Authority to find a solution.

Rev. William Gibson of MLK Drive questioned why the basketball goals nets were not replaced. City Manager Sands responded to Rev. Gibson with accurate dates of when the basketball goal nets were replaced.

David Thompson of 1237 Forsyth Street stated the city needs to act on providing city parking for the downtown to grow, questioned how to settle no way to in force the violations of city's ordinance and questioned how to settle without city municipal court and fine and penalties

Keis "KP" Patterson of 421 West Greene Street introduced himself as a new citizen and new business owner of the City of Monticello.

Presentations/Delegations

Presentations/Delegations allow scheduled speakers to address City Council for not more than six (6) minutes on specific topics or for recognition of citizens, city employees, or other events by Mayor and Council.

~~**Walt Ritter, Public Sector Manager – Waste Management**~~

Jordana Pope, Director - Monticello - Jasper County Chamber of Commerce introduced the Tourism Manager, Becky Hillsman, and gave an update on this year's Deer Festival. 150 vendors

Chad Peder, Carter and Sloop – reviewed the new EPA Lead and Cooper Rule for the water distribution systems which was revised in 2021 and briefly discussed the proposed letter presented to Waymon Cody with tasks the City of Monticello could complete to meet the new compliance requirements. (The letter was included in the packet.)

Public Hearing – Mayor Harrell opened the public hearing at 6:53pm and read the applications as stated

- a. **2022CU-002** – Adam McGinnis as applicant/owner requests a conditional use variance permit for 133 West Washington Street to remodel/renovate to use as apartments. The tract is shown on tax map M05A 082.

In Favor

Adam McGinnis, Holman Road,

David Thompson, Forsyth Street

Keis Patterson, 421 East Greene Street

Opposed

Stephanie Puckett, Honeysuckle Road

- b. 2022CU-003** – Janice Lam as applicant/owner requests a rezoning permit for 209 Church Street from IO (Institutional-Office District) to R20 Medium Density Single – Family Residential District. The tract is shown on tax map M05A 014.

In Favor

Adam McGinnis

Opposed

None

Public Hearing was closed at 7:14pm

Agenda Items

a) Christmas Tree Contest- Council Member Miller

Not a contest. City to purchase two pre-lit Christmas trees one for Piedmont Academy and Jasper County High School to go into the front window in the City Hall engage with the community. Council Member Murphy questioned the size and price of the trees.

b) Revolving Loan Fund Committee Appointments

Mayor Harrell stated she would like to have council come up with some names to form and 5-to-7-member committee.

c) Travel Policy- Mayor Pro Tem Currie and Council Member Miller

Council Member Miller and Mayor Pro Tem Currie addressed the current and proposed travel policy to review and discuss at the next Council meeting.

d) Operational Policy- Mayor Pro Tem Currie

Discussed the operational policy he would like to implement based on the approved daily operational items in the budget.

Motion to adopt the proposed policy presented by Mayor Pro Tem Currie made by Council Member Murphy seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Opposed by Council Members Miller, Thurman, and Wease. Motion failed.

e) Policies Update (Introduction of Policies)

City Manager LaThaydra Sands addressed the policies to review which will be presented at the next council meeting to adopt.

1. Safety Policy
2. Seatbelt
3. Fuel Card
4. GPS Vehicle Tracking
5. Cellphone Policy Update
6. Drug policy Update
7. Bid Policy for services under \$5,000.00 tabled to December's meeting

f) GAP Properties Partnership Follow-Up

Mayor Harrell stated she received a request from Robert Jordan to provide written documentation for sewer expansion. Council discussed this item was mentioned in the last monthly meeting.

Action Items

a) Waste Management Increase of \$2.65

Mayor Harrell stated the contract ends January 1st and would like to increase the cost of the service by \$2.65 for labor force and fuel post pandemic impacts.

Motion to approve the Waste Management increase of \$2.65 and continue the contract made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

Council Member Miller questioned the City Manager if she will notify the customers of the increase.

b) Sands Park Reservation- "Drive your Dream" Car Show November 12, 2022

Motion to approve Commissioner Jones's park reservation for Sands Drive Park on November 12th made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

c) Planning and Zoning Application 2022CU-002 - Adam McGinnis

Motion to approve application 2022CU-002 for Adam McGinnis made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Murphy.

Discussion:

Mayor Pro Tem Currie questioned the plan for the use of the building. Applicant Adam McGinnis addressed his plan to use the building. Mayor Harrell questioned how he would access the egress. McGinnis stated he has been in contact with Jasper County Planning and Zoning to address the egress for the build. Council Member Miller questioned the parking and the trash service for the apartments. Council Member Murphy stepped away and Council Member Miller abstained. Council Member Thurman did not vote.

Meeting adjourned for two minutes at 7:58pm.

Mayor Harrell called the meeting back in order at 8:03pm.

Council Member Wease withdrew his motion.

Motion to table made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Opposed by Council Member Miller and Wease. Council Member Thurman did not vote.

Motion to deny by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Wease. Opposed by Council Member Murphy and Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Council Member Thurman did not vote.

Motion to approve with the condition of looking at a larger dumpster for the City on City of Monticello property and Adam McGinnis would pay the increase amount of the dumpster made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie seconded by Council Member Murphy. Vote 3-2. Opposed by Council Members Wease and Miller.

d) Planning and Zoning Application 2022CU-003 - Janice Lam

Motion to approve the rezoning permit for 209 Church Street from IO (Institutional-Office District) to R20 Medium Density Single – Family Residential District made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

~~e) Finance Director Funding – Council Member Murphy~~

f) Lead and Cooper Rule Service Line Survey Invoice

Motion to approve steps 1-5 stated in the proposal presented by Carter & Sloope made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

g) Election Forms for Off - System Sales Margins and Voluntary Deposit MCT

Motion to continue made by Council Member Murph, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Vote 4-1 Opposed by Council Member Miller.

h) Ethics Committee Appointment - (2 Appointees)

- a) Tamela Alexander
- b) Larry Mooney

Motion to approve the two appointees to the ethics committee made by Council Member Murphy seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

i) Alcohol License Approval – Keis Patterson, 421 East Greene Street

Motion to approve to the alcohol license for Keis Patterson made by council Member Murphy seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

~~j) Onboarding Credit Check – Council Member Murphy~~

k) Base/Rate Fee Approval for Utilities – tabled



Motion to table the rates update until all superintendents can be in attendance made by Council Member Murphy seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

l) MEAG Excess Capacity Sales to City of Adel

(Letter Agreement which sets forth the agreement between the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (“MEAG Power”), City of Monticello, Georgia (“Monticello”), and the City of Adel, Georgia (“Adel”) for MEAG Power's sale on behalf of Monticello of certain excess capacity to Adel pursuant to Section 312 of the Power Sales Contract between MEAG Power and Monticello.)

Motion to sale the MEAG excess capacity to City of Adel made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor

m) SPLOST 2024 Projects

Water Project: \$200,000

- a. Hunter Ridge to Hillsboro St Loop to increase pressure to 530 @ 15psi

New Public Work/Storage Facility (30x100) \$150,000

- a. Construct a new facility for Public Works and Water Distribution
- b. Provide storage of materials
- c. Provides break room and rest rooms for staff
- d. Demolish old Pool House

Roads/Sidewalks, Parking, and Stormwater Drainage \$600,000

- a. Downtown Parking
- b. New Sidewalk Installation
- c. Sidewalk Repair/extension
- d. Stormwater Drainage Repairs

Total SPLOST \$950,000

Motion to approve the recommended SPLOST items made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

n) 2023 Holiday Schedule

Motion to adopt the state holiday schedule made by Miller. Motion failed.

Motion to add Juneteenth to the current holiday schedule made by Council Member Wease seconded by Council Member Miller. Vote 3-2. Opposed by Mayor Pro Tem Currie and Council Member Murphy.

o) Holiday Employee Appreciation Initiatives

Motion to approve the holiday employee appreciation initiatives made by Council Member Thurman, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

City Manager Update

- a. First Quarter Update (See Printout in packet) – City Manager advised council to review the printout included in the agenda packet.

Mayor Update

- c. LOST Mediation – City Attorney recommended to hold the discussion during Executive Session.
- d. Project Board – project board in city hall and council chambers for council members to provide projects for each district.

Mayor Harrell stated she would like to hold a work session on January 19, 2023, to discuss ordinances to update. City Attorney Joe recommended he would get with City Manager and discuss some items to present.

Council Update

No comments for any Council Members

Executive Session - Real Estate and Personnel

Motion to enter executive session at 8:32pm made by Council Member Murphy, Seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

Motion to exit executive session at 8:43pm made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

Council Action

No action was taken.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.