

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
March 21, 2023
12:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Currie called the Special Called Meeting to Order at 12:02 pm.

The invocation was given by Council Member Wease followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the City Clerk then called the roll. Mayor Pro Tem Currie, Council Members Murphy, Thurman, and Wease were all present. Council Member Miller joined the meeting via phone call. The Office of Mayor is vacant.

1. Agenda Approval

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

2. 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.

1. GUCC Safe Digging Month - Amanda Proctor, Morgan County EMA Director,

who is also a part of Georgia Utility Coordinating Council, presented the GUCC Proclamation for the City of Monticello to the Council. She mentioned the Morgan/Greene & Jasper County GUCC has partnered with the Georgia 811 to promote National Safe Digging Month each April for the last four years and requested for Monticello to maintain their partnership with GUCC.

3. Public Hearing opened at 12:06pm by Mayor Pro Tem Currie

a. Planning and Zoning Application 2023-Z001: Jake Murrell

For: None

Against:

Leah Wilson, 208 Roberts Drive, stated the property backs up to her backyard. She mentioned she doesn't want to look out her kitchen window at diesel trucks, hear them crank up, smell the stench, nor deal with the polluted water that will run off the lot. She also pointed out the lot is in the historic district and the area has been zoned residential for a long time, and there's no need to destroy the peace and tranquility in the neighborhood. She also stated neighbors are not in favor of the property being rezoned and she has a petition signed by everyone in the neighborhood.

Barbara Goolsby, 147 Roberts Drive, mentioned she has lived in her home for 46 years and the area is nice area to live in. She requested the council to have the property remain residential. She stated if the property is rezoned to any commercial type in the residential areas, it would destroy the charm of Monticello, decrease the residential property values, and increase the traffic in area.



Billy Nalls, 1092 Madison Road, revealed there was much thought and hard work spent developing the planning and zoning committee, ordinance, and the mapping of the areas. The efforts were to be fair to everyone the best they could. Part of the foreside was to limit the mentioned area to housing, although there are businesses and industries across the road, they didn't think it should be mixed on the other side of the street. The area was designated in such way and thinks it should remain the same.

Kasey Hall, 224 Roberts Road, stated her property is on the corner of the property, where she has lived and owned for the last eleven years. Ms. Hall stated she recently learned the prior owners purchased the property to keep it from being commercialized. She stated she was against the rezoning of the property, and herself and the neighbors would like to keep the adjacent property lines wooded. Adding the commercial property to the top of the street would decrease their property values and increase the tremendous amount of traffic on Northeast Street no matter which way they decide to access the property.

b. Annexation for Parcel #034 067, Hwy 83 N: City of Monticello

For:

Billy Nalls – For it!

Against: None

4. Action Items

- a) Safe Digging Month Proclamation
Motion to declare April as National Safe Digging Month for the City of Monticello made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.
- b) Permatherm Expansion– Over and Under Invoice \$12,815.91
Motion to proceed with the Permatherm expansion made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.
- c) Historic Preservation Commission Appointment – Rami El-Jourbagy
Motion to accept Rami El-Jourbagy to the Historic Preservation Commission made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Thurman. Vote 4-1. Opposed by Council Member Wease.
- d) BP/Amoco Alcohol Licenses
Motion to approve the alcohol license for BP/Amoco at 552 Forsyth Street made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.
- e) Planning and Zoning Application 2023-Z001: Jake Murrell

Motion to accept Planning and Zoning recommendation to deny the application 2023-Z001 made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

f) Annexation for Parcel #034 067, Hwy 83 N: City of Monticello

Motion to accept the City of Monticello annexation for Parcel 034 067 made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 12:25pm made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

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