

## REGULAR MEETING

**Minutes**  
**May 9, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Thurman called the regular meeting to order at 6pm.

### 2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Council member Wease followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Thurman, Mayor Pro Tem Currie, Council Members Miller, Murphy, Thurman, and Wease were present.

### 4. Agenda Approval

Motion by Council Member Miller and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie to amend the agenda: add item A1 (Council Member Miller) and remove Action Item I (Council Member Murphy). All in favor.

### 5. Consent Agenda to include:

#### a. Approval of Minutes:

- 1) April 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting
- 2) April 13, 2023, Budget Work Session
- 3) April 20, 2023, Special Called Meeting
- 4) April 27, 2023, Budget Work Session

#### b. Approval of Check Register - Check #'s 45243 - 45295

Motion to approve the minutes and check register made by Council Member Wease seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

### 6. 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, stated her suggestions for the city: a public facility on the square for restrooms when the Chamber is closed, problems with driveway caused by water infrastructure problem, trucks breaking matter, and concerns on the vape shop come to the square.

**Evelyn Driskell**, 847 Webb Street, came back before the council on her issues with the road repair for Webb Street.

**Jim Belcher**, Gainey Road – Hillsboro, GA, asked for clarification of the new park rules: if the square was included, will residents of the city only be able to reserve the parks, the sanitation deposit, security pay, liability insurance.

Stephanie Puckett, 228 Honeysuckle Road, questioned why the County feels the need to give \$31k for the parks, when will the outstanding audits be complete, and the parks safety.

## 7. Action Items

### A1. DDA Requests

Jackie Garland, DDA Executive Director, mentioned the DDA Board members are up for reappointment and would like to string lights from the

- a. **Utility Pole Attachments Ordinance (Update)** – City Manager Sands briefly introduced the ordinance to the council for first reading on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Review:** A new ordinance that provides regulations of attachments to City of Monticello utility poles; provides penalties for failure to comply with those regulations; and repeals conflicting ordinances

Motion to table the utility pole attachment ordinance until next month for the first reading made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

- b. **Pole Extension Invoice – Over and Under Contractors, Inc.**

Motion to approve the Over and Under Contractors, Inc. pole extension invoice for 12,141.40 made by Council Member Murphy Council Member Wease. All in favor

- c. **IGA for Use of Sands Drive Park**

County Manager Mike Benton briefed the council on the IGA for Sands Drive Park.

**Review:** Jasper County Board of Commissioners represented the City of Monticello an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use of Facilities of Sands Drive Park for improvements. The County desires to exchange for nonexclusive use of the facility to provide funds (\$30,991) to construct a 36' x 4' pavilion, purchase three commercial grade park benches, and purchase six commercial grade picnic tables.

Motion to table until City Attorney can review the IGA made by Council Member Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.

- d. **Speed Bumps for Sanders Heights**

Four speed bumps to reduce the speed.

Motion to approve the speed bumps in Sanders Heights made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.



**e. Landscaping Bid**

Motion to approve Six Cedars for the courtyard and the square maintenance and Tillman Specialty for Westview and Funderburg Drive Parks made by Council Member Wease, seconded by Council Member Murphy.

Council Member Murphy rescinded her second on the initial motion.

Motion fails.

Motion to award Six Cedars for landscaping bid for the Westview Park, Funderburg Park, Courtyard and the Square made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Vote: 4-1, Opposed by Council Member Wease.

**f. Janitorial Bid**

Motion to award Wildfire the janitorial bid made by Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Murphy. All in favor.

**g. Repointing Bid**

Motion to table the repointing bid until references are checked made Mayor Pro Tem Currie, seconded by Council Member Wease.

~~**h. City Hall Office Hours – Mayor Thurman**~~

~~**i. 911 Appointment**~~

**8. City Manager Update**

**9. Council Update**

No comment.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 6:51pm Council Member Wease, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in Favor.