

Budget Work Session/Public Hearing
Minutes
June 20, 2023
5:30 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Thurman at the Special Called Budget Work Session to order at 5:30pm.

Innovation & Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Thurman, Mayor Pro Tem Currie, and Council Members Miller, Murphy, and Wease were present. Council Member Thurman was not present.

Council Review Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

The City Council reviewed and discussed the fiscal year 2024 budget and made the following recommendations: reduce the DDA payments by \$800 to make the total fiscal year 2024 budget \$8,667,280.

Public Hearing FY 2023-2024 Budget

A Public Hearing is scheduled seeking public input on the City of Monticello's FY 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Digest as proposed.

Mayor Thurman opened the floor for the public hearing at 6pm.

Patricia Fingers, Representative of the Concerned Citizens of Monticello, questioned the reduction in fiscal year 2024 budget from last year's budget and why the revenues and expenditures are the exact same amount.

Roberta Anderson, 275 Froebel Street, expressed her concerns about the city's audit not being up to date and questioned the city council on why they are cutting some departments and not others.

Reginald Jacobs, Pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church, questioned if the city operated without a budget in the last four years and if the citizens could have copies of the proposed budget.

Camilla Goodrum, 38 Rooks Lane, asked if there was a surplus in last year's budget but wasn't fulfilling citizens' requests.

Gail Harrell, 559 Hillsboro Street, gave an overview of the City's financial standpoint when she was in office as the Mayor and questioned the DDA director position.

Tammy Parks stated the Council should consider requesting an extension on the fiscal year 2024 budget before approving.

Juanita Norris, Representative of the Concerned Citizens of Monticello, questioned the consequences and solutions if the budget isn't passed by the deadline.

Danny Norris, Former Employee of the City of Monticello, questioned the expected funds the City of Monticello will received and stated the Council shouldn't approve the budget without knowing the amount of funds.

Mayor Thurman closed the floor for the public hearing at 6:47pm.

FY 2024 Budget Adoption and Resolution

Motion to adopt the fiscal year 2024 budget for \$8,667,280 made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. Vote 2-1 Council Member Wease opposed from the vote and Council Member Miller did not vote.

Motion to recess the meeting at 6:52pm to contact legal.

Get Ahead House MOU Approval - Tabled

Repointing Bid Approval - Tabled

Safebuilt Contract - Tabled

Adjournment

The council resumed the meeting.

Motion to table the remaining items next Wednesday night at 6pm made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Currie. All in favor.



DeAshley Thurman
Mayor

Douglas Currie
Mayor Pro Tem

David Wease
Council Member

Larry Thurman
Council Member

Cynthia Miller
Council Member

Jenny Murphy
Council Member

LaThaydra Sands
City Manager

Carnethia Pennamon
City Clerk
