

City of Monticello
August 14, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman, and Councilmembers David Wease, Larry Thurman, and Jenny Murphy were present. Councilmember Cynthia Miller was out of town. Interim City Manager Peggy Billerman was present. Mayor Standifer called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Service Delivery Strategy as Item 9i and deletion of Executive Session by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

Citizen Comments: Mrs. Roberts expressed concern about electric poles and houses in poor condition in the Funderburg/MLK area. Doug Currie spoke of drainage issues at and near the Perimeter Storage buildings, as well as on Forsyth St. where GDOT built a drain. Bobby Sutton reported a street light out west of the BP and complained about the timeliness of storm damage removal.

DDA and Chamber of Commerce updates were offered by Pam Mayer, President of the COC. The Smithsonian traveling museum will be in Monticello December 12, 2019 and remain until January 11th. This is one of only six locations in Georgia to host the exhibit. The Memorandum of Understanding between the City and COC has expired. Motion by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to table the signing until after a review of the changes by City Attorney Joe Reitman. All in favor.

Mrs. Mayer expressed a need for a workshop on Park rules. After the rules are updated, they will be included with the regular utility bills to reach the public. A kiosk may be needed at Funderburg Park. DDA was reported as up and running. Mrs. Mayer asked that Tamala Alexander be appointed to DDA. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Wease, to appoint Tamala Alexander to the Downtown Development Authority. All in favor.

Crosswalks on College Street at the middle school and St. James Church were discussed. Councilmember Thurman will make an onsite inspection and decide which option would work best at the school.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the State's update of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control ordinance. All in favor.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to require a record of passwords, log-ins and other sign-in information be kept by the City Manager. All in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem offered an update on Service Delivery Strategy. Jasper County has spent no money on city streets or city code enforcement in the past 5 years that were reviewed. The City equals 12.4% of the countywide digest. The county spends 2 mills annually on roads and code enforcement, meaning \$248,000 city dollars are being used for work in the unincorporated area. This equates to \$1,240,000 over the past five years that were reviewed.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Thurman, to approve the consent agenda listing the minutes of July 9, 2018, July 10, 2018, July 16, 2018, and July 24, 2018. ACH drafts: ECG \$4,756.00, MGAG \$148,414.61, MEAG \$183,524.4508 and GEFA \$16,703.03 and approval of payments to Jordan Engineering, \$4,320; Benton Tree Service, \$4,500; Hewitt, \$2,967.50. All in favor.

Sports equipment for Sands Drive Park has been ordered. A sign will be ordered for the Park that matches the other park signs.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm.

Submitted by Peggy Billerman