

City of Monticello  
September 11, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes

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Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman, and Councilmembers David Wease, Larry Thurman, Cynthia Miller, and Jenny Murphy were present. 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 Internal audit as Item 17A by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.

Citizen Comments: Joanne Jordan again spoke of the tree in her yard, but on GDOT right of way and a damaged power pole in her backyard. Bobby Sutton complained of slow pickup of yard waste and limbs. Bobby Jacobs asked about the Memory Bricks now stored on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and Service Delivery Strategy. Ken Sanvidge spoke against double taxation of city residents.

Beryl Budd of Georgia Forestry spoke to the benefits of becoming a tree city. Tree City will be placed on the October agenda.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Wease, to approve the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding with the Chamber of Commerce. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Thurman, to approve the sale of surplus power by MEAG. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Thurman to rescind a letter reducing services to be provided by ECG, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Mayor Pro Tem Workman abstained due to his professional relationship with ECG. Councilmembers Thurman, Wease, Miller and Murphy voted to rescind.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Thurman, to request a ballpark estimate on the Middle School crosswalk from the contractors currently working on the Park to Park project. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Thurman, seconded by Councilmember Wease, to award the contract to demolish two Lodge buildings to Kenny Jefferies at \$23,500, as his proposal included straw and seeding. Wyatt Grading had quoted \$22,675 but did not include straw and seeding. Councilmembers Thurman, Wease and Murphy voted to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Workman and Councilmember Miller voted against. Motion carried 3-2.

Doug Currie, owner of Perimeter Mini Warehouses, was informed that the previous City Engineer, Robert Jordan, had reviewed the drainage issue and determined that it was not a city issue. Construction of a fourth and fifth warehouse interfered with the drainage. Mr. Currie asked the city to determine if there was a sewer line running through the property.

A first reading of the 2018 Personnel Policy was held. Copies will be distributed to city departments. Adoption is scheduled for the October 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Thurman, to appoint Mayor Standifer and City Attorney Reitman to continue negotiations with Jasper County on the Service Delivery Strategy agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Workman and Councilmember Thurman voted to approve. Councilmembers Wease, Miller, and Murphy voted against. Motion failed 3-2.

Motion by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to move on with the agreement as is, with the exception of the Sheriff's Office being included. Councilmembers Wease, Miller, and Murphy voted to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Workman and Councilmember Thurman voted against. Motion carried 3-2.

Motion by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Wease, to seek pricing on an internal or forensic audit of the Administration department. Councilmembers Wease, Miller, Murphy and Thurman voted to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Workman voted against. Motion carried 4-1.

The F350 engine ruined by gasoline vs diesel will cost \$17,500. Discussion was held to determine fix or replace at a cost of \$51,000. Council would like Waymon Cody to advise. A new truck could be added to the GMA lease, probably at a lesser price.

It was determined that signature stamps should not be used on checks over \$10,000. New park rules were discussed regarding changes requested by the Sheriff's office. Sunrise to sunset was requested as they are finite times, rather than dawn to dusk. There was question over the tennis and basketball courts in use after sunset. Captain Mike Steele will attend the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the consent agenda listing the minutes of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Payables in the amount of \$734,801.37, including ACH drafts: ECG \$4,736.00, MGAG \$132,127.20, MEAG \$193,191.26 and GEFA \$16,703.03. All in favor.

City Manager candidates will be interviewed beginning at 9am on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Council Comments : Mayor Pro Tem Workman stated the Majority rules, but the Majority also needs to have a plan and he encourages Councilmembers Miller, Murphy, and Wease to please let the other members of Council know what their plans are for decreasing costs associated with living in the city.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Peggy Billerman