

# MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session  
Tuesday October 9, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
Minutes

**Members Present** –Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman, Council members David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jenny Murphy, and Larry Thurman

**Staff Present** City Manager Peggy Billerman, and City Clerk LaThaydra Sands

**Media Present** – Hannah Pope

**Regular Session** - Mayor Pro Tem Workman called the meeting to order. Council member Wease offered the invocation. City Clerk LaThaydra Sands called the roll.

**Agenda Approval** – Motion by Council member Murphy to approve the agenda, Seconded by Council member Miller. All in favor 5-0.

**Citizens Present-** Mike Benton, Mike Steele, Roger Harrison, Eddie Goolsby, Mike Boykin, Bobby Lawrence, Jan Gaston, Susan Holmes, David Dyer, and Joan Jordan.

**Citizen Comments-** *Stephanie Puckett*-Thanked the council for paving Merry Lane. The road is now walkable, smooth and bike accessible.

*Eddie Goolsby*-discussed the following work orders that need immediate attention- 874 Dolly Drive-Creek below home is needs to be cleared back out, this was completed last year., Key St and Jordan St. has old 4-way signage that needs to be removed. There is also a stop sign at the intersection of Frobel and Key St that need to be placed back up. On Jordan St. the overhead brush needs to be trimmed.

*Susan Holmes*-Representative Holmes stated that she loves the City of Monticello and is disappointed by the disorder in the city and the relationship between the City and County. She urged Council to remember that every vote does not have to have a majority. She stated that Council needed to move forward with the Service Delivery Strategy. Rep. Holmes stated that she appreciated Peggy stepping in to assist the City. She also believes that everyone can make a special effort to be pleasant and work together. The City of the brink of big things.

*Greg Holder*-wanted to address the dangers of the paving of Merry Lane. Last year Mr. Holder stated that he addressed his concerns of the paving project to each council member but did not hear a response until the loaders began scraping the street. Mr. Holder discussed that the street original purpose was a one lane service alley for 6 houses facing College Street. During the paving project the sweeper threw dirt and gravel on his home, porch, columns, furniture and cracked one of the windows on the home. He

predicts that there will be an increase in speeding traffic in both the right and wrong direction. The other day he witnessed a speeding car, and a parent and their child bicycling down the street just minutes apart.

**Park Signage-** Captain Mike Steele-Captain Steele discussed the inconsistencies in the park signs verbiage. Caption Steele suggested that each sign designate a specific time for hours of operations, Sunrise to sunset or 30 minutes prior to sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset.

Motion by Council member Wease to replace the park signage hours of operation to state sunrise to sunset for all park signage, seconded by Council member Thurman. All in favor 5-0.

**Personnel Policy (Second Reading)-** Mayor Pro Tem Workman asked City Manager Peggy Billerman if there had been any changes since the first reading to of the personnel policy. Mrs. Billerman stated that there were not changes except adding the on-call/stand-by section back into the policy. Staff has researched with other organization and mirrored the previous policy. City Manager Billerman thanked Council member Miller for her hard work on the policy.

Motion by Council member Wease to approve the new personnel policy as presented, seconded by Council member Murphy. All in favor 5-0.

**Service Delivery Strategy-** Mayor Pro Tem Workman asked City Manager Peggy Billerman did she get a chance to speak with City attorney Joe Reitman. Peggy stated that Joe advised the city to postponing the signing of the Service Delivery Strategy for 90 days. Council member Thurman stated that Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority and a representative from the City need to meet to work on a solution to water service territory. Council member Wease stated each time the City has approached JCWSA they have been cooperative with releasing territory that they do not have the capability to serve water.

Motion by Council member Wease to accept Service Delivery Strategy as presented for the next 10 years, seconded by Council member Thurman. Vote 4-1 (Workman opposed).

**DDA Update-** City Manager Peggy Billerman informed Council that Pam Mayer was receiving, the Rural Opportunity Zone award on behalf of the City/DDA.

#### **Management Items-**

**1<sup>st</sup> quarter Financial Report-** Quarterly reports were passed out to Council, City Manager Billerman urged Council members to contact Carnethia Pennamon if they had any questions concerning the report.

**Kelly Bell pay raise request-** City Manager Peggy Billerman recommended a pay raise for Kelly Bell. She stated that Ms. Bell has been an employee of the City of Monticello for 8 years and has trained new employees. Her current pay rate is \$14.55, City Manager Billerman recommended raising Kelly's pay to \$15.95 this will be five cents

less than Kendra James the Office Manager once she receives her raise for successful completion of her probationary period. Mayor Pro Tem Workman asked if the raise was in the budget. Mrs. Billerman replied yes. Mayor Pro Tem Workman stated that with the closure of GP some budget adjustments would be needed.

Motion by Council member Murphy to raise Kelly Bell's pay from \$14.55 to \$15.95 per hour, seconded by Council member Wease. All in favor 5-0.

- a. **PSC Inspection-** OQ plan and Qualification keeper no issues were found, and the continuing violations can now be cleared.
- b. **Demolition of lodges-** Demolition has been completed and the Contractor Kenny Jeffries is ready for payment.
- c. **472 W. Washington Street-**Owners requested to stay 30-60 days by court order. The windows have been boarded and the trash around back has been cleared.
- d. **Park to Park Sidewalk-**NEGRC is scheduled to meet on Monday October 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the project and possibly agree to provide daily construction oversight for the project.
- e. **Resolution adopting Comprehensive Plan-** Mandatory requirement for the Comprehensive Plan.  
Motion by Council member Murphy to adopt the Comprehensive Plan resolution, seconded by Council member Miller. All in favor 5-0.
- f. **Replace F350 diesel truck by GMA lease-** Council wanted to have a listing price for all vehicles that will be included in the GMA lease.

**Consent Agenda-** Motion by Council member Thurman to approve minutes of August 30, 2018, September 6, 2018, September 11, 2018, September 22, 2018 and September 29, 2018 and payables of \$603,293. 38 seconded by Council member Wease. All in favor 5-0.

**Council Comments:**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**