

# MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
Minutes

**Members Present** – Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman, Councilmembers David Wease, Larry Thurman, Jenny Murphy, and Cynthia Miller.

Mayor Standifer called the meeting to order. Reverend Jerry Wyatt offered the invocation. Peggy Billerman called the roll.

**Media Present** – Kathy Mudd, The Monticello News

**Agenda approval** – Motion by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 5A: DDA report and 9A: Parking on the square. All in Favor.

**Citizens Present** - Jerry Wyatt, Ricky Manning, Adam McGinnis, Mandi Tanner, Katie Cannon, and Bobby Sutton.

**Citizen Comments** – Jerry Wyatt of 147<sup>th</sup> street questioned PCA and the territorial map for electric service. Mr. Wyatt was invited to City Hall to review relevant documents.

**Downtown Development Authority** – Adam McGinnis spoke for the DDA stating the Director position was vacant and questioned the current and future budget of the DDA. Council advised that the budget process begins this month. DDA Tour of Homes will be April 27, 2019 and will need assistance with pole banners and signs. Mr. McGinnis announced that Sunrise Thrift is moving off the Square and new businesses are coming including a Mexican restaurant, Organic produce, an Art company and the Kitchen House.

## **Public Hearings:**

**Resolution 2019-10** to amend the City charter to allow superintendent of elections to live in unincorporated Jasper County or the City of Monticello. Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Wease, to approve the resolution. Councilmembers Wease, Thurman, Murphy, and Miller voted in the affirmative. Mayor Pro Tem Workman voted against. Motion carried 4-1.

**Ordinance 2019-02** first reading of amendment to GMEBS retirement plan as required by IRS. To be placed on agenda April 9, 2019.

**Resolution 2019-08** to amend the Pole Attachment agreement with ECG. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Thurman, to adopt the amendments. All in favor.

**Resolution 2019-09** to adopt the Budget Calendar for FY2020 including work sessions on March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 each beginning at 6pm. Final public hearing to be held June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 6pm with budget adoption at the regular June 11 meeting. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the calendar. All in favor.

**Parking on the Square** – Councilmember Wease moved that Council formally state that Council is in agreement that there is a need to improve parking on the Square and to permit him to seek resources and information. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Workman. All in favor.

**City Manager Items** –

- Alcohol Distances – no action required
- DFACS new lease figures - incorporate figures into a lease and place on the April 9 agenda.
- MGAG voting delegates remain Mayor Pro Tem Workman and Councilmember Thurman.
- Surplus items to be sold in-house. No employees may place any bid.
- Replacement of generator serving High School water distribution. Motion by Councilmember Thurman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve at a cost of \$5,930. Council members David Wease, Larry Thurman, Jenny Murphy, and Cynthia Miller voted to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Workman recused himself due to employment at the school. Motion carried, 4-1.

**Consent agenda** - Minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and payables of \$573,040.32 including ACH drafts: ECG \$4,910.00, MGAG \$82,210.53, MEAG \$181,251.97, and GEFA \$16,703.03. Motion by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor.

**Executive Session** – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Wease to enter Executive Session for personnel at 6:59pm. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to exit Executive Session and return to regular session at 7:25pm. All in favor. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Thurman, to accept the resignation of Roger Harrison as City Manager and to approve the standard associated paperwork and release agreements. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, to appoint Peggy Billerman Interim City Manager in addition to Interim City Clerk at the agreed upon rate of pay. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Billerman.