

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2019

MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Bryan Standifer called the meeting to order. Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Media Present – Kathy Mudd, The Monticello News

Citizens Present – Mike Benton, Gail Harrell, Larry Smith, Lynn Bentley, Londa Champion, Karen Breeding, Carl Pennamon

Agenda Approval – Motion by Mayor Bryan Standifer to add one item to the agenda: 6A Tax Assessors

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to approve the agenda with changes, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

Citizen Comments – Citizen Gail Harrell informed City Council that trash is accumulating in the storm drains and gutters around the downtown square. Mayor Standifer assured Ms. Harrell that her concerns would be addressed.

Advanced Disposal Renewal- Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Wease to approve the Advanced Disposal Renewal. All in favor.

Tax Assessors – Lynn Bentley, Chief Appraiser for the Jasper County Tax Assessor's office discussed how the tax assessments are calculated. She stated that the State of Georgia conducts annual audit of these assessments. The Board of Commissioners also were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Workman discussed his concerns about the increases in the City of Monticello's tax digest. Ms. Bentley assured him that the assessments are done systematically by a Tax Mapping system.

Resolution #2019-012 Appointment of Pension Secretary - Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the appointment of Karen Pennamon to Pension Secretary. All in favor.

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Resolution #2019-010 Tax Assessments - Withdrawn

Resolution #2019-011 Governing Boards- Withdrawn

FY20 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Program - Motion by Councilmember Thurman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to use GPW Revenue to match 30% required for the FY20 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Program . All in favor.

Professional Audit Price Proposal - Motion by Councilmember Wease, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the Bates, Carter and Company, LLP Professional Audit Price Proposal. All in favor.

City Manager Items

- a. Chamber of Commerce – Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce. All in favor.
- b. Gazebo Proposal – Withdrawn
- c. Election - Qualifying Begins August 19th - Mayor Standifer informed City Council of qualifying requirements.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of July 1 and July 9, 2019 and payables of \$288,546.96 (includes ACH drafts: ECG \$ 4,975.00, GEFA \$ 16,224.81, GMA \$ 9,387.43, MEAG \$182,428.33, MGAG \$ 20,573.14 and Us Bank \$ 51,750.75). Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Executive Session – N/A

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Workman reported on the start of Project Grande in Adel, Georgia which is an successful attempt by Monticello and six other MEAG Cities to sell excess power.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Pennamon, City Clerk

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