

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 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. City Manager Tim Young called the roll.

Media Present – Susan Jacobs - The Monticello News

Citizens Present – Mike Benton, Gail Harrell, Dot Hirneisen, Mandi Tanner

Agenda Approval – Motion by Mayor Bryan Standifer to add two items to the agenda: 7D: City Park Reservation Request and 7E: Downtown Development Authority appointment.

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

Citizen Comments – Citizen Gail Harrell thanked the City’s participation for cleaning up for the Trisha Yearwood event and requests that additional efforts be made to keep the city cleaned. She also requested that a pile of dirt on W Washington Street to be removed so water does not build up when it rains. Dot Hirneisen requested that the City investigate another way to apply sewer fees. Her concern is when they water their grass and garden that their sewer charges do not reflect actual sewer usage. She asked the City to look at a flat rate or a maximum rate for sewer charges. Mandi Tanner represented the Chamber of Commerce and thanked the City, DDA and other volunteers that help get ready for the Trisha Yearwood event. She stated we only had a short window of notice for the event but that everyone worked over and above to make our City look great.

Resolution #2019-013 Parking on State Route 212 at Piedmont Academy- Motion by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Miller to approve the Resolution. All in favor. This resolution was requested by the Jasper County Sheriff’s office and the State of Georgia Department of Transportation.

City Manager Items

- a. Wire Fraud Update: City Attorney Joe Reitman has been working with the GBI, our insurance carrier, Sun Trust Bank and Barge Design to understand how this wire fraud happened. Our IT security company, Nocwing assures us that we were not hacked. However, Barge Design’s IT security says they were not hacked either. The

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GBI says they have identified the person that opened the account at Sun Trust. The GBI says this was a very sophisticated hack and most likely came from an overseas hacker. They believe the money was sent overseas and is unrecoverable. Sun Trust bank has been very helpful and has provided the GBI with everything that has been requested. Our Attorney is waiting for the final GBI report and will provide this to our insurance carrier.

- b. Sidewalk Project: This project has been ongoing for several years and has been troubling for the City and DOT. I have scheduled a meeting with the DOT, contractors and sub-contractors to discuss what is the path forward and how to close out this unending project.
- c. Trisha Yearwood event: Thanks to all the City employees for a tremendous job getting the city square and street looking great. Everyone's respond was awesome. The Chamber also recognized the City employees as being crucial to the success of this event.
- d. City Park Reservation: Gail Harrell requested to reserve Westview Park for 10-12-19 from 11am – 2pm for a meet and greet as a candidate for Mayor Pro Tem. Motion to approve by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Council Member Thurman. All in favor.
- e. DDA Board Appointment: DDA requested to appoint Wendell Yoder to the DDA Board to fill the unexpired term of Russ Watts who has resigned. Motion by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Wease. All in favor.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of August 13, and payables of \$170,873.49 (includes ACH drafts: ECG \$ 4,975.00, GEFA \$ 16,224.81, MEAG \$198,815.37, MGAG \$ 18,195.86, Us Bank \$51,750.75, BB&T \$9,302.05). Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Executive Session – N/A

Council Comments:

Council Member Wease: Appreciation for the efforts for the Trisha Yearwood Event.

Council Member Miller: Appreciation for the efforts for the Trisha Yearwood Event and recommended a luncheon provided by the City for our employees for recognition of a job well done.

Mayor Pro Tem Workman: Appreciation for the efforts for the Trisha Yearwood Event. Please review the new code enforcement policy / procedure recently adopted by Jackson, Ga.

Council Member Murphy: Appreciation for the efforts for the Trisha Yearwood Event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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