

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2019

MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

Members Present – Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jennifer Murphy, and Larry Thurman were present. Mayor Bryan Sandifer was unable to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman called the meeting to order. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Media Present – Hannah Hinesley - The Monticello News

Citizens Present – Gail Harrell, Robert Jordan, Wanda Cummings, Dessa Roberts, Sam Kelly, Camilla Ross

Agenda Approval – Motion by Councilmember David Wease to remove Item #12 – Executive Session from agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in Favor.

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

Citizen Comments – Citizen Gail Harrell thanked the City Council and City Manager, Tim Young for repairing the tables located at Westview Park. She asked they could provide a cement walkway to the pavilion. The City Manager explained that a walkway may not have been in the design plans, but he would investigate it. Citizen Wanda Cummings complimented the City for picking up limbs at her property. She said she enjoys the walking trail in Westview Park, but the kudzu needs to be removed from it. Citizen Dessa Roberts said she had not received her bill in the mail this month which has never happened before. She discussed the rate increase on her bill and the dilapidated houses on Funderburg Drive.

City Park Reservation – Gail Harrell requested to use Funderburg Park on October 19, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a campaign candidate meet and greet for the Mayor Pro Tem position. She anticipates 75 people, or more will attend the event. **Approved.**

Jordan Engineering – Citizen Robert Jordan presented a proposal for possible recreational uses for Mine Lake which included trails, fishing, utilizing the existing cabin, and providing campsites/RV Sites/cabins. Mr. Jordan stated there is great development potential for this property.

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Resolution #2019-014 ECG Authorized Official – Tabled

Resolution #2019-015 Health & Wellness Incentive Grant – Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve Resolution #2019 – 05 Health & Wellness Incentive Grant, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor.

City Manager Items

- a. Health & Wellness Incentive – City Clerk, Karen Pennamon informed the Council that the City of Monticello had been awarded a 2019 GMA/Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Health Promotion and Wellbeing grant of \$2000. The City of Monticello Employee Health Benefit/Open Enrollment Fair is scheduled for October 25, 2019.
- b. Wage Survey: The purpose of the Wage Survey was to address the current employee turnover rate a few disparities of pay. Councilmember Thurman made a motion to approve the Wage Survey as written, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.
- c. Project Grande – City Manager has attended several meetings with MEAG and ECG and MGAG. MGAG and the city will begin marketing the gas opportunities in an effort to expand the natural gas business for Monticello.
- d. Audit – The draft audit has been received from the auditors. The sidewalk project is nearing completion. The City can apply for reimbursement from the Department of Transportation once our LAP certification is awarded by Ga DOT.

2. **Consent Agenda** – Minutes of September 10, 2019, and payables of \$ 454,346.97 (includes ACH drafts: ECG \$ 4,975.00, GEFA \$ 16,224.81, MEAG \$ 200,121.78, MGAG \$17,938.16, US Bank \$51,750.75, BB&T \$9,387.44, AP \$153,949.03)

Motion by Councilmember Thurman, seconded by Councilmember Wease to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Executive Session – N/A

Council Comments:

Council Member Wease: Thanked the City Manager for preparing the Wage Survey.

Council Member Miller: Thanked Robert Jordan on his presentation to City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Workman: No Comment

Council Member Murphy: No Comment

Council Member Thurman: No Comment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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