

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 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.

Staff Present – City Manager Tim Young and City Clerk Karen Pennamon

Media Present – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

Citizens Present – Gail Harrell, Tracy McMichael, Sam Kelly, Rev. William Gibson, Mandi Tanner

Called Session - Mayor Bryan Standifer called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman offered the invocation. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Mayor Standifer presented a plaque to Mayor Pro Tem Workman for his many years of service to the City of Monticello and its citizens. The City Council welcomed the newly elected Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to group #7 agenda items together – Approval of 2020 Alcohol License Renewals and add Blockstream Update as Item #8c. Motion by Councilmember Miller to add City Council training as Item #9a. All in Favor.

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

Citizen Comments – None

Proclamation – Georgia Arbor Day – City Manager, Tim Young presented a Proclamation for Georgia Arbor Day. Monticello is a designated Tree City and in celebration of this day trees will be planted in Funderburg Park and Westview Park with the assistance of arborist, Bud Byrl.

Approval of 2020 Alcohol License Renewals – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the 2020 Alcohol License Renewals for the following businesses: A-1 Food Store, Ingles Market #496, Circle K Stores Inc. #2069, Monticello Food Market, A&Q Grocery Store, Short Street Grocery, Hide-a-way Packaging, McMichael Packaging, Taqueria La Eskina, and Reese Hall. All in favor.

City Manager Items

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- a. 40-hour Vacation Buy Back – Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the 40-hour Vacation Buy Back, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor.
- b. Probationary Period Personnel Policy – City Manager Young stated that the personnel policy does not specify a pay adjustment after the end of a new hire’s probational period. Mayor Standifer responded the City Manager must submit a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council.
- c. Blockstream Update – The City of Monticello has received three checks averaging \$30,000 for the Blockstream excess power sales. MEAG has proposed closing one of the plants participating in the Project Grande agreement which would reduce excess power sales. City Manager Young said he has spoken with our consultant, John Hewitt, who recommends the City move forward as planned and not commit to any large purchases. The Mayor and City Council agreed that Project Grande was a great investment for the City of Monticello.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of November 12, 2019 and payables of \$484,163.54
(includes ACH drafts: ECG \$ 4,975.00, GEFA \$16,224.81 , GMA \$ 9,387.44,
MEAG \$ 180,874.10, MGAG \$ 28,860.70, US Bank \$ 51,750.75)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Wease to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

a. City Council Training – Councilmember Miller discussed Georgia Municipal Association training opportunities and certifications. She recommended a stipend of \$100 a month be given to Councilmembers they are certified. No action was taken.

Executive Session- Motion to enter executive session to discuss real estate by Mayor Pro Tem Workman, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor. Entered Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to return to regular session, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor. No action was taken in executive session.

Returned to Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Council Comments:

Mayor: Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Workman for his 20+ years of service to the community and said it has been great working with him.

Mayor Pro Tem Workman: He has been in public service since 1995 and it has been an honor serving the citizens of Monticello. Congratulations to the newly elected Mayor Pro Tem, Gail Harrell. Monticello is a great place to live.

Councilmember Wease: Welcomed Gail Harrell, newly elected Mayor Pro Tem to the City Council.

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Councilmember Miller: Thanked City Manager Tim Young and City Clerk Karen Pennamon for their professionalism. Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Workman for his service to the community and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Councilmember Murphy: Have a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year!

Councilmember Thurman: This has been an exciting year for the City! He especially thanked City Manager Tim Young and City Clerk, Karen Pennamon for jobs well done. He commended the electric department for an excellent job they did on Washington Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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