

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2020
MINUTES
6:00 P.M.

Members Present – Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell, Councilmembers David Wease, Jennifer Murphy, and Larry Thurman were present. Councilmember Cynthia Miller arrived after the meeting started.

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

Media Present – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

Citizens Present – Tim Lam, Carl Pennamon, Mike Benton, Betty Jump, David Dyer and a large contingent of supporters to see Mayor Pro Tem Elect Gail Harrell take her oath of office.

Called Session - Mayor Bryan Standifer called the meeting to order. Reverend Jimmy Horton offered the invocation. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Request by Tim Young to add Water Reservoir Survey as Item #12f. under City Manager Items. Request by Mayor Standifer to remove the executive session on Item #15.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy and seconded by Councilmember Thurman to approve the agenda with changes. Councilmembers Wease, Thurman, and Murphy voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Jasper County Chief Magistrate Judge Tim Lam discussed a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Monticello and Jasper County concerning code enforcement. This effort would require legislative action to reinstate the City Municipal Court. The agreement would give the city a means to enforce zoning violations and creates a mechanism to fix these problems, one of which is dilapidated buildings. There would be no cost to the city once the agreement is implemented. He added that Superior Court Chief Judge, William A. Prior, Jr. will endorse the legislation. Councilmember Wease asked if the position would be staffed by the City. Judge Lam replied it would be staffed by the Municipal Court. Mayor Pro Tem Harrell inquired into how long it would take to get this to the legislature. Judge Lam replied that it could be done in this legislative session. Mayor Standifer stated that the City Council will schedule a work session with the County Commissioners, City Manager, and the City Attorney to discuss a resolution. Judge Lam stated that he will be happy to assist them in any way

2020 Swearing-In Ceremony - City Attorney Joe Reitman administered the oath of office to Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell, Councilmember Cynthia Miller, and Councilmember Jenny Murphy.

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Resolution# 2020-001 MEAG Power – City Manager Tim Young stated MEAG is updating the authorized signatures for the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Motion by Councilmember Murphy and seconded by Councilmember Thurman to approve Resolution# 2020-001 MEAG Power. Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, Councilmembers Wease, Thurman, and Murphy voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

2020 Appointments – Resolution# 2020-002 to appoint:

- a. **City Manager – Timothy Young**
- b. **City Clerk – Karen Pennamon**
- c. **City Attorney – Joe Reitman**
- d. **City Engineer – Robert Jordan**

City Council voted to approve all 2020 appointments. Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, Councilmembers Wease, Thurman, and Murphy voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Bank Signature Cards – City Clerk, Karen Pennamon request to table item for bank signature card approvals. City Manager, Tim Young discussed the Council’s request to open a bank account for Blockstream to account for funds received. Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, Councilmembers Wease, Thurman, and Murphy voted in the affirmative to table bank signature card approvals and approved opening a bank account for Blockstream funds. Motion carried.

Betty Jump EMA Director – Betty Jump discussed the Mutual Aid Agreement and Bylaws of Jasper County Joint E-911 Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, Councilmembers Wease, Thurman, and Murphy voted in the affirmative to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion carried.

Personnel Pay Adjustments – Motion by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell to approve the personnel pay adjustments discussed during the January 9, 2020, Called Meeting Work Session. All in Favor.

City Manager Items

- a. Repair of Playground Equipment – Westview Park – Motion by Councilmember Wease and seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the amount of \$4784.84 for the tube slide repair. All in favor.
- b. Repair of Fire Protection Equipment – Complex Building – Motion by Councilmember Thurman and seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the amount of \$4,515.00 for the repair of the backflow preventer. All in favor.
- c. Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner – A table has been reserved for City Council need RSVPs from Council.
- d. Holiday Schedule 2020 – This schedule will be posted in the Monticello News
- e. Regular Meeting Schedule 2020 – This schedule will be posted in the Monticello News.

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- f. Water Reservoir Survey – Motion by Councilmember Thurman and seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the amount of \$8500.00 for a water reservoir survey. All in favor.

Employee Service Recognition – Service awards presented to the following employees: David Wease, Waymon Cody, Bobby Lawrence, Brenda Norris, Vernoy Murray, and Clinton Lavaughn

**Consent Agenda – **Minutes of December 10, 2019 and payables of \$316,670.32
(includes ACH drafts: ECG \$4,975.00, GEFA \$16,224.81, GMA \$9,387.43,
MEAG \$180,896.07, MGAG \$53,436.26, US BANK \$51,750.75)**

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

Executive Session- N/A

Council Comments:

Mayor: Welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell to City Council. He is looking forward to a great year!

Mayor Pro Tem: Honored and humbled to be on the City Council. Thanked the community for their support. There will be a reception after the meeting.

Wease: Happy New Year to everyone.

Miller: Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell on her appointment. Looking forward to working with the Council in the new year.

Murphy: Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell. Looking forward to doing good things for the citizens of Monticello.

Thurman: Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell on her appointment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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