

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2020
MINUTES
6:00 P.M.

Members Present – Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jennifer Murphy, and Larry Thurman were present. Mayor Bryan Standifer was not present.

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

Media Present – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

Citizens Present – Mandi Tanner, Brandi McMichael, Sam Kelly

Called Session - Mayor Pro Tem Harrell called the meeting to order. Councilmember Thurman offered the invocation. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Councilmember Miller to add Travel Expense Report as #8a and add Code Enforcement as 11e.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy to approve agenda with changes, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in Favor.

Citizen Comments – Mandi Tanner, Director of Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber has partnered with the Electric Cities of Georgia and prepared event cards to be distributed to the citizens of Monticello. The event cards contain information on Chamber sponsored events for 2020 and a parking chart. The Chamber of Commerce has received a grant which will assist with distribution cost.

Draft Proposal – Beautify Monticello – Gail Harrell - Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell updated City Council on the proposed Beautify Monticello program. She has contacted seven surrounding cities to gather information about their cleanup programs. The City of Jackson’s cleanup program is similar to her proposed plan. The City of Monticello would provide gloves, trash bags and vests needed for the cleanup program. Signs will be placed in designated area for recognition of the organizations participating in the program. A letter outlining the program will be included with the City bills. Motion by Councilmember Thurman to approve the Beautify Monticello Project and include the Beautify Monticello letter in the City bills, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

Earth Day – Betty Jean Jordan – Report Gail Harrell – Mayor Pro Tem Harrell stated she received a request for the City’s participation in the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020. In observance of Earth Day, Ms. Betty Jean Jordan would like to implement a trash cleanup day on

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April 22, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Harrell stated she would like to coordinate Earth Day with the Beautify Monticello program.

Microphones for Council Chambers – TABLED City Manager Young will contact the vendor for clarifications and more information.

Travel Expense Report – Cynthia Miller – Councilmember Miller presented a revised travel expense report for City Council to consider. Motion by Councilmember Thurman to approve the Travel Expense Report and seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor.

D.D.A. Resignation of Martha King – Judy Hunsucker, President D.D.A. Judy Hunsucker informed the Council of the resignation of Martha King from the Downtown Development Authority. The Downtown Development Authority nominated Virginia Spalter for the vacant position. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell to approve the appointment of Virginia Spalter to the Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. All in favor.

Mrs. Hunsucker provided a 2019 and 2020 synopsis of Downtown Development Authority events.

Wells Fargo Administrator Access- City Clerk, Karen Pennamon informed Council that the administrators on the Wells Fargo credit card account are no longer with the City of Monticello and new administrators need to be assigned to this account. Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve City Manager, Tim Young, and City Clerk, Karen Pennamon as administrators on the Wells Fargo credit card account, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. All in favor.

City Manager Items

- a. Approval for Employee Jackets – TABLED
- b. Credit Card Increases for City Council – City Clerk, Karen Pennamon informed City Council that the current credit card limit (\$500) for the City Council will not cover their education and travel expenses for the year. Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve a credit card limit of \$2,000 for City Council, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor.
- c. Update Disorderly Conduct Ordinance – City Manager Tim Young is working on creating compatible Disorderly Conduct Ordinances to mirror the County Ordinance.
- d. Nuisance Party/Nuisance Party Location Ordinance - City Manager is working on creating compatible Nuisance Party/Nuisance Party Location Ordinances to mirror the County Ordinance.
- e. Code Enforcement – City and County officials began discussions on the opportunity to share code enforcement resources.

Consent Agenda – **Minutes of February 11, 2020 and payables of \$524,683.46 (includes ACH drafts: ECG \$4,975.00, GEFA \$16,224.81, GMA \$9,387.44, MEAG \$194,532.06, MGAG \$62,376.00, US BANK \$18,828.13)

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

Motion by Councilmember Murphy to exit the regular session, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor. Exited regular session at 7:28p.m.

Executive Session- Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor. Entered executive session at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy to return to regular session, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor. Returned to regular session at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken in executive session.

Real Estate - Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell to approve abandonment of the portion of Church Street that adjoins Monticello Baptist Church property, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in Favor.

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem: She will not be attending the trip to Adel, Georgia on March 12, 2020.

Wease: None

Miller: None

Murphy: None

Thurman: None

City Manager, Tim Young stated that he receives regular updates on the Coronavirus from the Georgia Municipal Association. The Jasper Memorial Hospital is providing updates on their website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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