

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2020
MINUTES
6:00 P.M.

Members Present – Mayor Bryan Standifer, Pro Tem Gail Harrell, 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 – Mandi Tanner, Reverend William Gibson, Dayana Barragan,

Called Session – Mayor Standifer called the meeting to order. Reverend William Gibson, Springfield Baptist Church, offered the invocation. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All approved.

Citizen Comments – Mandi Tanner, Chamber of Commerce Director, stated that the Monticello Market on the Square held on Saturday was a success. There were twenty vendors selling product on the City Square.

D.D.A. – Judy Hunsucker – Chairman – Discussed board appointments with City Council. She recommended Dayana Barragan and Amanda Edge for appointments to the Downtown Development Authority Board. The Downtown Development Authority will advertise for a part-time director next week. Motion by Councilmember Wease to appoint Dayana Barragan and Amanda Edge to the Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor.

Oath Code Amendment – 1st Reading – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the first reading of the Oath Code Amendment. All in favor. The second reading of the Oath Code Amendment is on July 14, 2020.

Called Meeting Date to Set Millage Rate and Adopt the FY21 Budget – Mayor and City Council set date for a public hearing on June 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. to set the millage rate (5.408) and adopt the FY21 Budget. All in favor.

Council Retreat – Mayor Standifer and City Council set a date for a Council Retreat on June 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mine Lake Property, Monticello, GA.

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City Manager Items

- a. MGAG Update – MGAG representatives informed the City Manager that the City of Monticello will start to see low and stable gas prices within the next 12 months due to a huge inventory of natural gas and worldwide demand for gas. City Hall will distribute flyers to residents informing them of the interest-free financing available to switch to natural gas appliances. The flyers are also posted at Lowe’s retail stores.
- b. Itron Meter Reading Software Update – The Itron handheld electronic meter readers the City uses are now obsolete. Itron will be changing its software in the next two years and the City will have to budget for new software. The cost to update to the new system is between \$22,000 - \$25,000.
- c. Electric Department Truck – The Electric Department has a 1994 F150 pickup truck that must be replaced due to several mechanical issues and high mileage. They have obtained a quote for \$34,239 for a 2020 Ford F150 and would like to purchase it. Mayor Sandifer stated that leasing may be an option. The City Manager stated he will research leasing options for purchase.

Consent Agenda – **Minutes of May 12, 2020, May 14, 2020, May 28, 2020, and payables of \$ 466,362.36 (includes ACH drafts: ECG \$4,975.00, GEFA \$16,224.81, GMA \$9,387.44, MEAG \$168,144.21, MGAG \$25,360.12, US BANK \$18,828.13, and AP \$223.442.65)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to approve the Consent Agendas for May 2020. All in favor.

Executive Session- Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to enter Executive Session for personnel at 6:40 p.m. All in favor.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, seconded by Councilmember Murphy to exit Executive Session and return to regular session at 7:01 p.m. All in favor. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, for a work session on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. All in favor.

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem: Presented information from NEGRC on the CHIP Grant.

Wease: Encourages everyone to stay hydrated during these hot days.

Miller: None

Murphy: None

Thurman: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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