

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

CALLED MEETING

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Minutes

6:00 P.M.

Members Present – Mayor Bryan Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Gail Harrell, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jenny Murphy, and Councilmember Larry Thurman.

Staff Present – City Manager Angela Redding and City Clerk Karen Pennamon

Media Present – None

Called Session – Mayor Bryan Standifer called the meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Councilmember David Wease, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Councilmember Wease to approved the agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell. All in favor.

Executive Session – Personnel - Motion by Councilmember Wease to enter into executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss the personnel. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Motion by Councilmember Wease to exit Executive Session at 7:02 p.m and return to regular session at 7:03 pm. Voting for the motion was unanimous. No action was taken in Executive Session.

City Manager Redding updated the City Council on the following:

- Downtown Development Authority’s Grand Opening of the Shops of Monticello on November 6, 2020. They would like for the City Council to distribute the Downtown Dollars for the Small Business Saturday.
- Planning Workshop information has been sent to Council to finalize the Vision and Mission Statement.
- Website Hosting Quotes are being reviewed.
- Code Enforcement- Waiting to hear from Jasper County. The City Attorney Joe Reitman will reach out to the county attorney because the County Attorney is pushing for Monticello to abolish their Ordinances. The Jasper County Board of Commissions stated that it is not something we should do because if we decide to take back over Code Enforcement, we would have to start over with our ordinances. There is a possibility that we may need to reach out to the Jasper County Board of Commissioners. A company has been contacted that can provide certified code enforcement services. They also provide a vehicle with insurance and a software

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program. The person hired can start working immediately, and there are funds in the budget to cover this service for at least six months. This service will cut down on the training for an in-house person.

- The Bonner Street Bridge Project is complete.
- Benton Tree Service has started tree limb pickups.
- Property on West Washington Street – They provided an estimate to request a lien against that property.
- Street Department – Truck purchased in 2019 has several issues. This truck has been at Ginn Automotive for two weeks due to a stalling motion. We have contacted the service manager about a loaner truck, but they do not have one. The general manager was contacted about getting a buyback or a remedy to the situation. He is contacting Chrysler for assistance to the service department to get the truck repaired because we have a warranty, but we do not want it to expire before they fix it. Attorney Reitman has provided information on the Lemon Laws. The general manager said he would try to get a truck for the City to use for its operations until they can find out what is going on with the truck. Today they received another code for a pedal adjustment. There is a lot going on with the truck, and we are trying to remedy the situation.
- Auditors - The City of Monticello needs to put out a RFP for auditors.
- Advanced Disposal will adjust their rates by 1.7% in January 2021.

6. Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate, and Legal Matters – N/A

7. Comments by the Governing Body

Mayor Bryan Standifer – No comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrell – Beautify Monticello is up and running. We had two groups out, and a third group is starting tomorrow. We are working hard to get the Shops at Monticello open by the grand opening date.

Councilmember Wease – No comments.

Councilmember Miller – No comments.

Councilmember Murphy – No comments.

Councilmember Thurman – No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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