

**MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

July 13, 2021

MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present – City Clerk Karen Pennamon. City Manager Angela Redding was not present.

Media Present – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

Called Session – Mayor Pro Tem Harrell called the meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Reverend William Gibson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Karen Pennamon called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Councilmember Wease to remove Agenda Item 7 - Discussion of Trees on the Square from the agenda and move Agenda Item 4 - Consider Appointment and Re-Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority after Agenda Item 5 - Citizen Comments. Motion by Councilmember Miller to add Agenda Item 7 – Fringe Benefits. Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Citizen Comments:

David Thompson – thanked Michele Celani, the Downtown Development Authority Executive Director, for her passion and commitment to the City of Monticello. In addition, he thanked the Downtown Development Authority for doing an excellent job for the City of Monticello.

Reverend William Gibson – encouraged everyone to stay hydrated this week.

Craig Lashley – asked who had control over the speed limits on College Street and West Washington Street, the City of Monticello, or the Georgia Department of Transportation. He has concerns about vehicles traveling at high speeds from the Downtown Square. In addition, Mr. Lashley inquired about sidewalk repairs in the city.

Consider Appointment and Re-Appointments to the Downtown Development Authority

Background and Summary:

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The Council Representative on the Downtown Development Authority resigned. This agenda item is to appoint a replacement from the Council to the Downtown Development Authority. The term will be through December 30, 2023. Motion by Councilmember Wease to appoint Councilmember Cynthia Miller to serve on the Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

A request was received from the Downtown Development Authority to re-appoint Wendall Yoder and Towonder Dennis to the Downtown Development Authority. The terms will be for four years through July 13, 2025. Motion by Councilmember Wease to re-appoint Wendell Yoder and Towonder Dennis to the Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

A request was received from the Downtown Development Authority to appoint Shekenia Thurmond to the Downtown Development Board to fill the unexpired term of Judy Hunsucker through June 30, 2023. Motion by Councilmember Wease to appoint Shekenia Thurmond to the Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrell read a letter from the Youth Advisory Council thanking the Mayor and City Council for allowing them to use the alleyway for their summer kick-off event.

Downtown Development Authority – Michele Celani, Executive Director, thanked the City for paving the alleyway at City Hall. Mrs. Celani reported on Downtown Development Authority's upcoming events. She presented the City Council with an estimate for removing the trees in the Downtown Square. Wendell Yoder noted they would have the complete packet of information for the City Council at their next regular meeting.

Historic Preservation Commission – David Thompson, Chairman, discussed Certificate of Appropriateness approvals for 474 Kelly Lane, 219 College Street, 243 Frobel Street, 734 Frobel Street, and 838 Forsyth Street.

Approval of Minutes – Councilmember Wease made a motion to approve the following minutes: Public Hearing of Mayor and Council - FY 2021-2022 Budget and Tax Digest– June 1, 2021, and Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council – June 8, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider the following Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations:

Public Hearing to consider Application 2021Z-003 - Stephanie S. Puckett, as applicant/owner**, requests a zoning map amendment for .54 acres on Hwy 212 & Hwy 16 from R-20 Medium Density Single Family Residential District to CC Community Commercial District. This tract is shown as tax map M04 185. No one spoke in opposition to this request.

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Agenda Items

1. Consider rezoning .54 acres on Hwy 212 & Hwy 16 to CC Community Commercial District. No one spoke in opposition to this request. Motion by Councilmember Murphy to approve the zoning map amendment, seconded by Councilmember Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrell called the Public Hearing Session closed at 6:35 p.m. and entered the regular meeting at 6:36 p.m.

2. Consider approval of a 2021 Alcohol Licenses Renewal
 - a. SAQI at 142 Frobel Street, Monticello, Georgia, requests a license to engage in retail sales of beer, wine, and malt beverages for 2021. Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve the 2021 Alcohol License Renewal for SAQI at 142 Frobel Street, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
3. Consider Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission

Background and Summary:

A request was received from the Historic Preservation Commission to appoint Zachary R. Middleton to the Historic Preservation Commission. The term will be for three years through July 13, 2024. Motion by Councilmember Murphy to appoint Zachary R. Middleton to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

5. Consider the Georgia Public Web Authorized Member Representative Appointment

Background and Summary:

This agenda item is to name a representative for the City of Monticello who is authorized to vote on all Georgia Public Web matters.

Mayor Standifer asked City Manager Angela Redding to be the Georgia Public Web Authorized Member Representative for the City of Monticello.

Motion by Councilmember Miller to approve the City Manager, Angela Redding, to be the Georgia Public Web Authorized Member Representative for the City of Monticello, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

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6. Consider Appointment of a Voting Delegate for the Georgia Municipal Association Convention.

Background and Summary:

This agenda item is to appoint a voting delegate to represent the City of Monticello at the Georgia Municipal Association Convention Business Meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Murphy to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Harrell as a voting delegate to represent the City of Monticello at the 2021 Georgia Municipal Association Convention Business Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

7. Fringe Benefits – Councilmember Miller - Tabled until City Council Work Session on July 27, 2021.

11. Comments by the Governing Body

Mayor Pro Tem Harrell had no comment.

Councilmember Wease had no comment.

Councilmember Miller had no comment.

Councilmember Murphy had no comment.

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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