

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
July 27, 2021
MINUTES
6:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present – City Manager Angela Redding, City Clerk Karen Pennamon, and City Attorney Joe Reitman were present.

Media Present – Kathy Mudd - The Monticello News

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

Agenda Approval – Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Agenda Items

5. Discussion of Water Territorial Map – Update to the Service Delivery Strategy. County Commission Chairman Bruce Henry stated the Board of Commissioners has been working on the Water Territorial Map for two years, and the map needs to be updated. He said they did not account for all water lines in the ground in Alcovy Shores. He noted that to update the Water Territorial Map, they need approval from the City Council. Mayor Standifer stated the Commissioners looked at potential services areas and who could service them the quickest. Mayor Standifer thanked the Jasper County Board of Commissioners, City Water Superintendent Waymon Cody, and the City Engineer Robert Jordan for their work on this project
6. Payment of Travel Expenses for Mayor & Council – Per Diem. City Manager Redding stated the per diem would minimize out-of-pocket upfront cost for the Mayor and City Council, and they would no longer have to keep up with receipts. Councilmember Miller stated she would prefer to calculate her mileage after her trip because there are different routes that you can take. City Manager Redding noted they could determine the per diem by the mileage from City Hall to the hotel. Mayor Standifer recommended that the Council conduct a trial, see what works best and give feedback at the next Council meeting.

City of Monticello
123 West Washington Street
Post Office Box 269
Monticello, GA 31064

Phone 706-468-6062

FAX 706-468-1041

7. Discussion of Fringe Benefits – Councilmember Cynthia Miller. Councilmember Miller discussed giving a benefit of \$300.00 per month to councilmembers that do not use the City’s health plan. She noted this benefit would save the City money, and the funds would come from Contingency in the budget. City Manager Redding stated that the Council can approve a fringe benefit but cannot approve a raise for themselves. City Attorney Reitman stated if the Council wants to approve the fringe benefit, they need to act before the election qualifying period begins on August 16, 2021.
8. Discussion of Get Ahead House Memorandum of Understanding. Roberta Anderson, Get Ahead House Director, stated the Memorandum of Understanding resembled a lease instead of a partnership with the City of Monticello, and she feels it is a partnership. Mrs. Anderson said the Get Ahead House could not afford to pay the liability insurance, and they are asking the City to pay it. Councilmember Miller stated that everything inside the Get Ahead House is their responsibility, and the building is the City’s responsibility. City Manager Redding stated she would check with the Georgia Municipal Association to find out if the City can pay the insurance for a 501c3 company and then inform the City Council.
9. Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate - Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Harrell to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m. to consult legal counsel about real estate, seconded by Councilmember Miller. Voting for the motion was unanimous. Motion to exit executive session at 8:03 p.m. and enter regular session made by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember David Wease. Voting for the motion was unanimous. No action was taken in the Executive Session.
10. Comments by the Governing Body

Mayor Bryan Standifer had no comment

Mayor Pro Tem Harrell stated she attended the Jasper County Courthouse dedication of the Ten Commandments that is now in the Courthouse. She noted the City of Shady Dale voted unanimously to place them in their City Hall and ask the Council to consider doing the same. She said the cost for the historical documents is \$1,195.00, which private donations could pay.

Councilmember Wease had no comment.

Councilmember Miller had no comment.

Councilmember Murphy had no comment.

City of Monticello
123 West Washington Street
Post Office Box 269
Monticello, GA 31064

Phone 706-468-6062

FAX 706-468-1041

Councilmember Thurman had no comment.

12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

City of Monticello
123 West Washington Street
Post Office Box 269
Monticello, GA 31064

Phone 706-468-6062

FAX 706-468-1041