

MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

Called Meeting
Thursday October 4, 2018
7:00 P.M.
Minutes

Members Present –Mayor Standifer, Mayor Pro Tem Stone Workman, Councilmembers David Wease, Cynthia Miller, Jenny Murphy, and Larry Thurman

Staff Present City Manager Peggy Billerman, and City Clerk LaThaydra Sands

Media Present – Hannah Pope

Called Session - Mayor Standifer called the meeting to order. Mayor Pro Tem Workman offered the invocation. City Clerk LaThaydra Sands called the roll.

Agenda Approval – Motion by Councilmember Wease to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Miller. All in favor 5-0.

Citizens Present- Mike Benton, David Dyer, and Joan Jordan

Citizen Comments- None.

Executive Session- Motion by Councilmember Miller to enter executive session to review City Manager Candidates, seconded by Councilmember Wease. All in favor 5-0.

Entered Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

Called Session- Motion by Councilmember Thurman to return to called session, seconded by Councilmember Murphy. All in favor 5-0.

Entered Called Session at 7:23 p.m.

Service Delivery Strategy- *Mayor Standifer* stated that he believes the consensus is to negotiate with Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority (JCWSA) so that the City can loop the water system from the Mine Lake Property back to the City's water system. Mayor Standifer opened the floor to Councilmembers to provide clarification on the direction the City would like to proceed. *Mayor Pro Tem Workman* expressed his concerns regarding the territorial map listed in the Service Delivery proposal. Mayor Pro Tem is worried that the City will not be able to receive funding through USDA without the territorial map showing the territory in the "loop" as City of Monticello territory. He expressed that he would like the agreement to read whoever can provide the "new" service can get the territory. *Councilmember Wease* asked that if the City had the funds to run the water lines and tap into our system, could Jasper County Water and Sewer

Authority stop the project? *Mayor Standifer* replied “yes, if we run new lines to loop the property we will be going into their territory.” *David Dyer* (Jasper County Economic Development) stated that JCWSA have already proven that they are willing to negotiate in areas that they are not able to service. *Councilmember Murphy* was concerned that if Jasper County Board of Commissioners gave the City the requested territory, would it be legal since its Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority’s territory. *City Manager Peggy Billerman* pointed out that along Jackson Lake Rd, the services are all mingled together (Turtle cove and Jasper County).

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Workman to ask Jasper County Board of Commissioners to add the territory that connects City of Monticello From Hwy 11 S to Hwy 83 S (looping the water system) as City of Monticello Service territory by Tuesday October 9, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Thurman. Vote 4-1 (Miller against).

Council Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Workman- Council needs to begin to focus on \$328,000 in gas profit which will be lost due to the closing of Georgia Pacific. We will be making adjustments and looking for a plan to avoid bankruptcy.

Mayor Standifer-Loves his new job. He stated that they will be shortfalls in the budget from Georgia Pacific closure, but he believes the city can recover. Mayor Standifer notified council that he will not be able to attend Tuesday’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.