

The City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, met in regular session on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. The following members were present:

Tom Vogelgesang, Mayor  
Gerrold Austin, Vice-Mayor  
Julie Conley  
John Jones  
George Evans

Others present were:

Fred Mosley, Chief of Police  
Steve Wingate, City Manager  
Emily Anderson, City Clerk  
Bruce Leinback, Attorney

Mayor Tom Vogelgesang called the meeting to order. Pastor Dwayne offered an invocation, and Mayor Vogelgesang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Vogelgesang read a proclamation honoring student **Ruben Aleman** for his academic achievements.

Clerk Anderson recognized **Patsy Wood** for her ongoing volunteer efforts in updating the city cemetery databases.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Gene Hall** invited everyone to attend a community relations event on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Anthony Charles** noted the need for property improvements and cleaning on U.S. 19 North. He also noted the need for cleaning of the old Howard Academy.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES ON 11/2/2015** On motion of John Jones, seconded by George Evans, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Council meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**Item 1: Approval of Amended CDBG Procurement Policy** On motion of George Evans, seconded by Gerrold Austin, the Council voted unanimously to adopt the Amended CDBG Procurement Policy.

**Item 2: Approval of Amended CDBG Standard Housing Assistance Plan (HAP)** On motion of John Jones, seconded by George Evans, the Council unanimously voted to adopt the Amended CDBG Standard Housing Assistance Plan.

**Item 3: Timetable for Grant Implementations** Clerk Anderson announced a homeowner workshop for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The application deadline is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS – NUISANCE PROPERTIES // COUNCIL ACTION**

**[Order to Show Cause Action for 885 N. Waukeenah Street cancelled – nuisance abated]**

**Resolution 2015-28 – 665 Ash Street  
-Jennifer Allen, Owner**

**Resolution 2015-29 – Ash Street  
-Willie Mae Scurry, Owner**

City Attorney Bruce Leinback suggested that the hearings for the Ash Street properties be continued until next month so that a formal building inspection report can be provided. On motion of John Jones, seconded by Gerrold Austin, the Council voted unanimously to table Resolutions 2015-28 and 2015-29 until the January Council meeting.

**Resolution 2015-30 – 575 Hagan Street  
-Willie Mae Washington, Owner**

Mayor Vogelgesang asked if anyone was present representing the owner. With no representative present, City Attorney Leinback recommended the Council adopt the ordinance. On motion of George Evans, seconded by Gerrold Austin, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2015-30.

**PUBLIC HEARING//COUNCIL ACTION:**

City Attorney Leinback noted a clarification of language to be incorporated into the city code referring to the city's consent to applicability of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances regarding dangerous animals. The Mayor opened the public hearing. Clerk Anderson read the title of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 2015-05 AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE II, DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND RABIES CONTROL, OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 18 TO REVISE SECTIONS 18-63 AND 18-65; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL EFFECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVNER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE** With no public comment, on motion of George Evans, seconded by Julie Conley, the Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2015-05.

## **APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL**

Noting a clerical error, on motion of Julie Conley, seconded by George Evans, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Jefferson County to provide certain animal control services.

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR TROY AVERA TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TRAINING** On motion of John Jones, seconded by Julie Conley, the Council voted unanimously to approve travel expenses for Council Member-Elect Troy Avera.

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

\***City Manager Steve Wingate** reported that the streetlights on W. Dogwood are on. He also noted he is looking at illumination of the U.S. 19 South water tower.

\***City Clerk Emily Anderson** noted she is working on a new website design. There will be a vacancy on the Historic Design Review Board due to Troy Avera moving to the City Council.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

\***City Council Member George Evans** noted the economic development conference was great.

\***City Council Member John Jones** reported he has received a lot of information regarding legislative efforts. He also reported a successful economic development conference.

\***City Council Member Gerrold Austin** reported the passing of Travis Hussey, the American Legion Commander.

\***City Council Member Julie Conley** also reported the EDC will try to bring one of the conference speakers to Jefferson County for a presentation.

\***Mayor Tom Vogelgesang** reminded the Council of the Downtown Christmas festivities on December 4<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a school recital on December 15<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged the public to shop local for Christmas.

There will be no December workshops. The January meeting will be last meeting for Council Member Austin.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Anderson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor

**NOTE:** These proceedings were digitally recorded (1 File)