

The City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, met in regular session on November 2, 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. City Manager Steve Wingate offered an invocation, and Mayor Vogelgesang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Troy Avera** noted the success of Downtown Halloween, and thanked the police department for their assistance.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**\*Approval of Minutes of 10/6/2015**

**\*Application for MLK Parade on January 18, 2016/Resolution 2015-27 Assuming Liability for Street Closures**

On motion of John Jones, seconded by Gerrold Austin, the Council voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING//COUNCIL ACTION:**

**ORDINANCE 2015-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA BY ADDING DIVISION 3. YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND WATER SHORTAGE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND TEMPORARY WATER SHORTAGE RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR RECOGNITION OF RELATED RULES OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ON A CITYWIDE BASIS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; REPEALING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** The Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Mayor Vogelgesang opened the public hearing. With no public comment, the public hearing was closed. On motion of John Jones, seconded by George Evans, the Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2015-04.

## **FIRST READING/COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

### **Ordinance 2015-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 18 TO REVISE SECTION 18-63, REPEAL SECTION 18-65 AND ADOPT CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE II, OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL EFFECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVNER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Attorney Bruce Leinback presented an ordinance to revise the existing city animal control ordinances relating to dangerous dogs to eliminate conflicts between the city and county animal control laws since the city and county will be operating a joint animal control program. Other provisions of the city animal control ordinance will remain intact. City Manager Wingate noted the ordinance may need modification to include provisions for animals other than dogs and cats. After discussion of minor changes which may need to be made, the Council determined to proceed with the first reading of the ordinance.

Clerk Anderson read the title of the ordinance. The final hearing will be scheduled for the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING//COUNCIL ACTION – APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**Building Addition within Historic District – 265 W. Madison Street/David and Merry Ann Frisby, Owners** Mayor Vogelgesang opened the public hearing for consideration of an Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for a building addition. Troy Avera, Historic Design Review Board member, noted that the Board reviewed the project and has recommended Council approval. With no public comment, on motion of George Evans, seconded by Gerrold Austin, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Frisby property, as presented.

## **REQUEST FOR NUISANCE PROEPRTY DESIGNATIONS –**

### **\*Resolution 2015-22 – 855 N. Waukeenah Street//Ashley Filmore, Owner**

Upon questioning by the City Attorney, City Manager Wingate testified that the property is in violation of the city's nuisance code. City Attorney Leinback noted Mr. Wingate's request that the Council adopt Resolution 2015-22 and set a show cause hearing on December 1<sup>st</sup>. On motion Julie Conley, seconded by Gerrold Austin, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2015-22.

### **\*Resolution 2015-23 – Ash Street//Willie Mae Scurry, Owner**

City Manager Wingate testified he has inspected the property and found the property in violation of Chapter 38 of the City Code. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by John Jones, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2015-23 setting a show cause hearing for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**\*Resolution 2015-24 – 665 Ash Street//Jennifer Allen, Owner**

Upon questioning by the City Attorney, City Manager Wingate testified that the property has been inspected and that the conditions of the property have been verified and requested a show cause hearing on December 1<sup>st</sup>. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by John Jones, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2015-24.

**\*Resolution 2015-25 – 575 Hagan Street//Willie Mae Washington, Owner**

Under questioning by City Attorney Leinback, City Manager Wingate testified as to the condition of the property and requested a show cause hearing. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by John Jones, the Council voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS – NUISANCE PROPERTIES**

[\*Resolution 2015-19 – 730 N. Rhodes Street City Manager Wingate reports property nuisances were abated]

**\*Resolution 2015-26 – 625 E. Washington Street/Lisa Bogart Snee and Peter Roth, Owners** The City Attorney, noting that the property owners did not appear to respond to the City's Order to Show Cause issued on October 6<sup>th</sup>, explained that Resolution 2015-26 provides that if the property is not brought into compliance and nuisances are not abated by December 6, 2015, the city is authorized to clean the property and place an assessment on the property for city costs of cleaning. On motion of John Jones, seconded by Gerrold Austin, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2015-26.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

**\*City Manager Steve Wingate** reported that construction of the parking lot on W. Dogwood is proceeding. Engineer Rob Davis reported he is exploring the possibility of extension of the city sidewalk on the south side of Dogwood to N. Mulberry Street. After seeking direction on review of plan changes, the Council directed Mr. Davis to proceed in coordination with City Council Member Conley and the City Manager. Ms. Conley also noted that a citizen has donated several large trees for inclusion in the parking lot to replace landscape items removed from the budget due to cost constraints. Mayor Vogelgesang asked that sidewalks be designed so that they will not hold water.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**\*City Council Member Gerrold Austin** noted the upcoming Veterans Day Parade. He also asked that Laz Aleman's son be recognized for his academic achievement.

**\*Mayor Tom Vogelgesang** noted the great condition of Roseland Cemetery. He also noted funding opportunities from USDA, and the CDBG contract with Summit Professional Services has been approved.

**Other**

**Gretchen Avera** thanked the police chief for assistance during Downtown Halloween. **Amy Rosmini** provided details of Downtown Christmas festivities on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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)