

The City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, met in regular session by telephonic conferencing on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor John Jones called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM City Clerk Anderson took roll of participating members and city staff. The following members were present on the call:

John Jones, Mayor
Troy Avera
Gloria Cox
Julie Conley
George Evans

Others participating were:

Raymond Clark, City Manager
Fred Mosley, Monticello Police Chief
Emily Anderson, City Clerk
Bruce Leinback, City Attorney

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY ATTORNEY BRUCE LEINBACK

Attorney Leinback discussed the allowances and procedures for conducting government meetings under the Governor’s Emergency Executive Orders 20-69 and 20-114 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Leinback gave instructions for participating in the telephonic meeting.

Mayor John Jones offered an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced public comment would be allowed as Item 13 on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES OF 5/12/2020

Council Member Gloria Cox made a motion for approval of minutes of May 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Troy Avera. Clerk Anderson recorded the roll call votes as follows:

Troy Avera	yea
Julie Conley	yea
Gloria Cox	yea
George Evans	yea
John Jones	yea

The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF 2019 AUDIT – JAMES MOORE AND COMPANY /
ADOPTION OF AUDIT**

Benjamin Clark of James Moore and Co. presented the City’s 2019 audit. With no Council or public comment, Council Member Troy Avera made a motion to accept the 2019 Audit. The motion was seconded by Gloria Cox. Clerk Anderson recorded the roll call votes as follows:

Troy Avera	yea
Julie Conley	yea
Gloria Cox	yea
George Evans	yea
John Jones	yea

The motion passed unanimously.

SUNCOAST CONNECTOR TOLL ROAD UPDATES

Greg Garrett of Atkins Global updated the Council on an upcoming webinar on June 9th to discuss broadband services which could be assisted by the toll road. He also mentioned the updated mapping available on the M-CORES website. Council Member Conley expressed concern that no task force meeting has been rescheduled in Jefferson County, noting that the webinar format is making it difficult for the public to participate and ensure that the task force members are actually receiving the public input. She formally requested an in-person task force meeting in the Jefferson County community as a matter of fairness. Council Member Cox also opined that an in-person meeting is very important to the community. Mr. Garrett noted that FDOT is prioritizing the next in-person meeting to be held in Jefferson County, while considering the needs of maintaining social-distancing guidelines.

CITY MANAGER REQUEST FOR USE OF CEMETERY RESERVES FOR OAKFIELD CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS City Manager Clark discussed the proposed improvements, including installation of metal markers, additional signage and well repair.

With no public comment or Council comment, Troy Avera made a motion to approve the use of cemetery reserves for improvements as noted by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by George Evans. Clerk Anderson recorded the roll call votes as follows:

Troy Avera	yea
Julie Conley	yea
Gloria Cox	yea
George Evans	yea
John Jones	yea

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER CONTRACT RENEWAL

Council Member Avera noted he was pleased by the performance of City Manager Clark and made a motion to approve extension of the contract by an additional year. The motion was seconded by George Evans. Clerk Anderson recorded the roll call votes as follows:

Troy Avera	yea
Julie Conley	yea
Gloria Cox	yea
George Evans	yea
John Jones	yea

The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Leinback noted he would prepare the addendum for execution.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

***Police Chief Fred Mosley** reported on several public gatherings at the Courthouse following the death of George Floyd while in police custody in Minnesota. Council Member Gloria Cox asked for the Chief's assessment of the overall protest situation. Chief Mosley noted the agency's transparency is helping to avoid any problems. Council Member Avera also expressed support of the police department and noted the good relations within the community.

***City Manager Raymond Clark** City Manager Clark thanked the Council for approving his contract.

***City Clerk Emily Anderson** discussed the budget timeline. She also thanked Natalie Bender at the library for assistance in setting up telephonic hearings.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

***City Council Member George Evans** thanked the Chief and his staff for assisting with the Second Harvest food giveaway.

***Mayor John Jones** also noted the transparency of the community.

MEETING/WORKSHOP DATES AND TOPICS

The budget committee will meet on June 17th and June 24th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, with social-distancing required.

Mayor Jones noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for July 7th. The City will continue to monitor state directives on government meetings to determine the appropriate form of the meeting.

With no further business, upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Anderson
City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor
NOTE: These proceedings were digitally recorded.