

The City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, met in regular session on July 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. The following members were present:

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

Others present were:

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

Mayor John Jones called the meeting to order, offered an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

\***Vivian Royster** gave an update on strategic planning. She will be meeting with DEO officials in July.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

\***Approval of Minutes of 6/32019 and 6/4/2019**

\***Approval of City Manager Contract**

\***Approval for Travel Expenses for City Attorney's Attendance At Municipal Attorney Conference**

\***Approval for Travel Expenses for Council Member Troy Avera's Attendance at July 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative Committee Meeting in Orlando and Attendance at FLC Conference Annual Conference in August**

On motion of George Evans, seconded by Troy Avera, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items.

#### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING / COUNCIL ACITON**

**ORDINANCE 2019-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 1, SECTION 54-428. HISTORIC PRESERVATION STRATEGIES AND INCENTIVES TO MODIFY EXISTING SECTION 54-428; ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF MONTICELLO HISTORIC PROPERTY AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT, DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FOR PARAMETERS OF TAX EXEMPTIONS AND DURATION OF TAX EXEMPTION PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR PROCESS FOR APPLICATION, PROCEDURE, COVENANT, APPEAL, AND NOTICE, AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE** Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2019-04. Dr. Vivian

Royster noted the importance of inclusion of minority properties within the Historic District. Council Member Avera noted this program is available to historic properties which are included in the Historic District. With no further discussion, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by Troy Avera, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 2019-04.

**RESOLUTION 2019-12 DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 1160**

**MAYS STREET** City Manager Clark noted a continuance of this matter.

**REQUEST FOR SPEED HUMP – S. WATER STREET** A speed hump has been requested for S. Water Street just north of the stop sign at West Seminole Drive. Council Members discussed the speed problems in the area. On motion of George Evans, seconded by Troy Avera, the Council voted unanimously to approve a speed hump in the area.

**AWARD OF BID – PAVILLION PROJECT AT ECOLOGICAL PARK** Engineer Josh Baxley gave an update on the project. On motion of Troy Avera, seconded by Julie Conley, the Council unanimously voted to award the bid for the pavilion to North Florida Abstract, the low bidder.

**APPROVAL OF POLICY UPDATES (FEDERAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS):**

**\*Resolution 2019-13 Adopting a Policy for Protection of Individuals Engaging in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations**

**\*Equal Employment Opportunity Program Update**

On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by George Evans, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2019-13 and the Equal Employment Opportunity Program Update.

**APPROVAL OF STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN / GRANT – MONTICELLO**

**SOLAR POWER FACILITY** Attorney Leinback discussed the document, noting that the agreement covers the planning phase. Clerk Anderson noted that the 2019-2020 budget includes sinking fund monies for this project. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by Troy Avera, the Council voted unanimously to approve the loan/agreement document.

**AUDITOR SELECTION PROCEDURES UNDER F.S. 218.391 / APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Clerk Anderson reported on the new requirements for auditor selection under Florida law. She noted the requirement of establishment of an auditor selection committee which is to consist of one council member and two others. Charles Davis and Merry Ann Frisby have agreed to serve on the committee, and Mayor Jones appointed Troy Avera to also be on the committee. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by Gloria Cox, the Council unanimously voted to establish the audit selection committee with members noted.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF MILLAGE RATE FOR INCLUSION IN TRIM NOTICE AND SELECTION OF DATE OF TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING**

Clerk Anderson noted the Council has determined to set the millage at 7.2 mills. She also offered several dates for the tentative budget hearing, and asked that the Council choose several alternatives until she can coordinate the tentative hearing dates with the County Clerk. On motion of Gloria Cox, seconded by Troy Avera, the Council selected September 5<sup>th</sup> or September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. as options for the tentative budget hearing. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by Gloria Cox, the Council unanimously voted to set the tentative millage rate at 7.2 mills.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Julie Conley asked about the establishment of the insurance coverage for sidewalk use by businesses. Clerk Anderson reported she and the attorney are working on the form.

Council Member Troy Avera noted that the county was sued for a non-compliant website.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS**

\***City Manager Raymond Clark** reported that the bridge on Hwy. 257 is closed.

\***City Clerk/Treasurer Emily Anderson** presented a balanced proposed budget, noting that there are some tweaks which will be made.

She also reported that Main Street has received a grant for Phase II of the city historic property survey.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

\***Council Member Troy Avera** reported on the upcoming Fourth of July celebrations.

\***Council Member George Evans** noted favorable public comments about King Street improvements and mentioned an overgrown lot near the community garden.

**MEETING/WORKSHOP DATES AND TOPICS**

Topics to be set for workshop in August will include utility rate discussion and the garbage collection program review.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Anderson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor

NOTE: These proceedings were digitally recorded