

The City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, met in regular session on November 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. The following members were present:

John Jones, Mayor  
George Evans  
Troy Avera  
Steve Rissman  
Julie Conley

Others present were:

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

Mayor John Jones called the meeting to order. City Council Member George Evans offered the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**\*Approval of Minutes of 10/2/2018 (Two Meetings)**

**(Item Regarding Street Closing Removed from Agenda)**

On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by George Evans, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: Proposed Future Land Use Map Amendment / Proposed Limited Use Rezoning**

**\*705 S. Water Street – Larry Casey, Applicant**

**FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT**

**ORDINANCE 2018-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, BY REDESIGNATING A PARCEL OF LAND, LOCATED AT 705 SOUTH WATER STREET, COMPRISING 2.50 ACRES, FROM EDUCATIONAL TO INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF THE SPECIFIED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF MONTICELLO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL EFFECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Mayor Jones opened the public hearing.

Donna Wiehaus appeared on behalf of the Applicant, noting the negotiation between the Applicant and Local Planning Agency regarding limiting industrial uses of the property. With no public input, the public hearing was closed. Clerk Anderson read the title of the ordinance. On motion of Council Member George Evans, seconded by Council Member Troy Avera, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Future Land Use Map Amendment Ordinance 2018-08.

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

**ORDINANCE 2018-09 AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 705 SOUTH WATER STREET, COMPRISING 2.50 ACRES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, FROM AGRICULTURAL TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT INDUSTRY LIMITED USE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Clerk Anderson read the title of the ordinance, noting a scrivener's error which has been corrected and a notation on the ordinance that the effective date shall be the same date as the effective date of Ordinance 2018-08. On motion of Council Member Steve Rissman, seconded by Council Member George Evans, the Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2018-09.

**RESOLUTION 2018-15 – DECLARATION OF NUISANCE PROPERTY AFTER ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

**--Chestnut Street (Lillie Mae Bailey, HRS, Owner)**

Attorney Bruce Leinback noted that no title holder of the property was present, and City Manager Wingate reported the condition of the property. A reasonable time for cleaning the property is determined to be by December 7, 2018 and the City Manager requested the Council approve the resolution allowing the city to move forward to abate the nuisance. On motion of Council Member Julie Conley, seconded by Council Member George Evans, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2018-15.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL** Clerk Anderson provided health insurance renewal options to begin in January for Council consideration. She noted the rates to continue the current plan, as well as alternate plan rates and benefits. Council Member Avera asked about obtaining quotes from other companies, and the Council discussed the health care plans which offer local doctors. On motion of Troy Avera, seconded by George Evans, the Council voted to renew the health insurance under the current plan and to continue to pay the entire premium for employees.

**UPDATE ON U.S. 90 PAVING/IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – DOT REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR E. WASHINGTON STREET**

Clerk Anderson reviewed a request from the Department of Transportation for a resolution endorsing proposed improvements to U.S. 90 East from the bike trail crossing to the city limits. The Council reviewed the report and proposed extension the dual left-turn lane out to St. Margaret's Road and discussed construction logistics. On motion of Julie Conley, seconded by George Evans, the Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution supporting the lane elimination request and inclusion of other items as shown the Department of Transportation plan.

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** The City Manager reported that the Legislative Committee has included all city requests as discussed, including continued funding of SCOP with removed restrictions of use of the money, supporting Water Management District funding and several other items as mentioned by the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Conley mentioned that she, City Manager Wingate and Clerk Anderson will re-schedule a meeting to look at downtown signage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Rissman announced he is resigning from the City Council, effective immediately.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS**

\***City Manager Steve Wingate** noted education certifications received by several employees. He also reported a little over \$50,000 on timber sales. A proposal for re-planting will be presented shortly.

\***City Clerk Emily Anderson** reported she did not receive any letters of interest for the vacant Local Planning Agency board position. She will re-run the advertisement.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Council Member George Evans** suggested the city utilize inmate crews more on maintenance of rights-of-way.

**Council Member Troy Avera** asked about the status of the irrigation meter at I-10. City Manager Wingate noted there is no active meter there at this time.

He and Council Member Evans expressed appreciation of Duke Energy’s efforts at keeping information flowing after Hurricane Michael. It was also noted that city crews did an excellent job at clean-up.

**Mayor John Jones** discussed the problems with recycling and the need to educate the public regarding what can be recycled, since too much trash is being sent to the recycling center.

**NOVEMBER WORKSHOP DATES** The Council did not set a workshop for November.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Anderson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor