

The City Council of the City of Monticello, Florida, met in regular session on September 4, 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. Police Chief Fred Mosley offered the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**County Commissioner Gene Hall** noted the abandoned cars were removed from Branch Street Funeral Home. He asked for code enforcement on a Mays Street property.

**Hayvoid Francis** complained about the condition of Chase Drive and the speed bump signs. He also noted that part of the city right-of-way on Ash Street is not being mowed. He also complained about the condition of the property next to his house on Chase Drive.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**\*Approval of Minutes of 8/7/2018 and 8/21/2018**

**\*Approval of City Attorney Contract Renewal**

**\*Approval of Parade Application for Jefferson Somerset Homecoming Parade on October 5 (Not Requiring Highway Closing)**

**\*Approval for Travel for Council Members John Jones and Troy Avera to Attend Florida League of Cities' Legislative Conference on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**UPDATE ON CITY BUILDING PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT** City Manager Wingate reported that the city had a successful meeting with the county building and planning officials to help the permitting process work more smoothly.

#### **REPORT FROM BUDGET COMMITTEE / 2018-2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Council Member Avera reported that the budget committee met on September 4<sup>th</sup> and only minor budget changes were made.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Following up on discussion at the workshop on August 21<sup>st</sup>, Council Member Conley noted that a meeting has been scheduled with Attorney Leinback to discuss code enforcement, sidewalk permitting and signage regulations.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS**

\***City Manager Steve Wingate** gave an update on the timber harvesting at the old city wastewater lands. He also noted that Mittauer and Associates will be working on the solar project, and he will be traveling to Fernandina to look at solar equipment.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

**Council Member Troy Avera** reported on the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. He also noted the cover of Florida Ag magazine features the remodeled E. Dogwood Street.

\***Mayor John Jones** emphasized the importance of advocating for home rule as the legislative season approaches.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BUDGET HEARINGS**

The Mayor announced the upcoming budget hearing dates of September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the tentative budget and September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the final budget hearing.

The Council will not meet in workshop session in September.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Anderson  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor