

# City Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

---

## Call to Order

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., City Clerk Taryn Wigley called the roll.

## Attendees

Council Members Cedric Leonard, Michael James, Al Peer, Allan Nichols, Craig McRae, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present. Clarissa Pace was absent.

## Minutes

Allan Nichols moved to accept the minutes for the March meeting, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the March minutes passed.

## Old Business

### a. Wellhead Protection Ordinance - 2nd Reading

Craig McRae introduced the ordinance and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Michael James moved to waive the third reading and adopt the ordinance for it to take effect in 30 days, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the ordinance passed unanimously.

### b. Update on City Hall Renovations

Mayor Akers showed the council updated floor plans for the City Hall renovation.

## New Business

### a. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Vehicle by Monticello Police Department to trade in of Two Vehicle Value

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Michael James moved to accept the resolution, Mike Wigley seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**b. Resolution Declaring 600 North Main St. a Nuisance**

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. City Inspector Brian Rodgers informed the council that the previous owner evicted the tenants and sold the house. The new owner lives in North Carolina and has not responded to Mr. Rodgers. A certified letter has been sent and returned 3 times, and a letter is posted on the property. Several home owners in the area stated that the property is in terrible shape, and the overgrown yard is causing pest problems. Michael James moved to accept the resolution, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed. One of the neighboring property owners asked what would happen next, Mr. Rodgers explained the process. Mayor Akers asked for an update at the next council meeting.

**c. Resolution Declaring 502 North Main St. a Nuisance**

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Brian Rodgers informed the council that he is in contact with the owner, and they are being cooperative. The owner was present and explained that she had to sideline the project to take care of her sick mother, but has contractors and written plans to restore the house. Mike Wigley moved to table the resolution for 90 days, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled.

## **Public Comment Section**

Donny Jackson addressed the council regarding his property that was condemned the previous month. He told the council that the house needs some repairs, but will only be used for storage. He does not feel like the property should be condemned since it would not be inhabited. He also claimed that repairs have been made to the property. When asked if the Fire Marshal could come inspect the repairs, he denied admission due to the other repairs needing to be done. Whit Barton added that the big question is that the council and Fire Marshal need to know the structural integrity of the building. Cedric Leonard moved to allow Mr. Jackson 30 days to finish repairs, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called, then an individual vote was called. Cedric Leonard, Al Peer, and Allan Nichols voted "yes", Michael James, Craig McRae, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness voted "no". With a 3-4 vote, the resolution stands as is.

## **Mayor Comment Section**

Mayor Akers and Amanda Laudell introduced the new City of Monticello app. Where you can pay your water bill, apply for a job, see current and upcoming events, view a city directory, and find several other resources. The app is currently available to download. He also reminded everyone of Spring on the Square happening on May 15th and the bass tournament happening on May 16th.

### Meeting Adjourned

Al Peer moved to adjourn the meeting, Allan Nichols seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the meeting was adjourned.

John Wigley

5/29/2014