

City Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2025

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 Clarissa Pace, Cedric Leonard, Michael James, Mark Tiner, Craig McRae, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present. Al Peer was absent.

Minutes

Clarissa Pace moved to accept both regular and emergency meeting minutes, Mike Wigley seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the March minutes passed.

New Business

a. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Bid for 2024 Enterprise Funds Audit

Clarissa Pace 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. Mark Tiner moved to accept the resolution, choosing Searcy & Associates, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

b. Resolution to Execute Agreement to Provide Financial Assurance

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Finance Manager Ashley Rodermund explained that this resolution is very similar to a resolution that was passed last month, this resolution is for the other city transfer station. Craig McRae moved to accept the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

c. Resolution Amending City of Monticello Street Fund Budget for 2025 Street Repairs

Clarissa Pace 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. Mike Wigley asked when these repairs would happen. Mayor Akers answered that they would happen as soon as possible. Craig McRae moved to accept the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

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d. Resolution Rescinding Resolution Regarding Acceptance of Grant for Repairs to Historic Post Office Building

Mark Tiner 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. Mark Tiner confirmed with Mayor Akers that the City will be using insurance money to make the repairs. Mayor Akers confirmed. Mark Tiner moved to accept the resolution, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

e. Resolution Amending the City of Monticello 1998 One Cent Sales Tax Fund Budget for 2025 Purchased of Drive Tracks for Mini Excavator-City Equipment #34-Sewer Dept.

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

f. Resolution Amending City of Monticello 1998 One Cent Sales Tax Fund Budget for Purchases in Conjunction with N. Hyatt and S. Main Overlay Projects

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

g. Resolution Expressing Willingness to Utilize Federal Aid TAP or RTP Funds

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers reminded the council that the goal for this project is to have sidewalks that will connect Jordan Park all the way to the hospital. Mark Tiner moved to accept the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

h. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Bid for Lake Trail Phase 2 Project

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mark Tiner moved to accept Progressive Trail Designs bid for \$551,600.00, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

i. Resolution Amending City of Monticello 1998 One Cent Sales Tax Fund Budget for 2025 Tractor Purchase

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, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

j. Resolution Imposing Lien on 1002 N. Gabbert

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. Cedric Leonard and City Inspector Brian Rodgers how he came up with the amount owed. Mr. Rodgers answered that the rate is determined by the county and whatever rate FEMA is using. 21 hours of work was done to this property. Clarissa Pace moved to accept the resolution, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

k. Resolution Declaring 219 S McCray 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 this property has been cleaned up and is in compliance. Clarissa Pace moved to table the resolution indefinitely, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled.

l. Resolution Declaring 508 W Shelton a Nuisance

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Clarissa Pace asked if there was any owner contact. Mr. Rodgers answered that there has not been any contact with the owner. He drove by the property and noticed there were items moved out of the house and put on the side of the road. Clarissa Pace mentioned possibly tabling the resolution for 30 days. Craig McRae asked about the condition of the property. Mr. Rodgers answered that the roof is caving in, and there are holes in the house. It is not habitable. Craig McRae moved to accept the resolution, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/ nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed with Clarissa Pace in opposition.

Public Comment Section

Pat Mitchell addressed the council with a problem that she was hoping the city could help her solve. She stated that she owns rental property off of the square in Monticello that backs up to an alley. There is another property owner, whose property is right next to hers, who is putting flower pots in the alley and building on to his property. She claimed that this is impairing her tenants from accessing their back doors. She believes that the city owns this alley, and she would like for someone with the city to inform her neighbor that they are not allowed to obstruct this alley. Mayor Akers informed Mrs. Mitchell that the city may not be able to help in the way that she wants, due to the alley being private property. Mrs. Mitchell claims that she does not pay taxes on that section, and she believes it belongs to the city. City

Attorney Whit Barton informed the council that he looked at all of the deeds for that area, and stated that there is one deed out of the 10 properties with a legal description mentioning the alley. His research concluded that visually it looks like an alley, but there is nothing claiming that the city has jurisdiction. If the alleyway was dedicated to the city, the city would have responsibility, but this area would be considered a passageway. Mr. Barton also spoke to the neighbor who built on to his building and installed a parking lot. They claimed that their property line went a few feet into the alley, but didn't want to mess with utility lines, so they left it open. Mrs. Mitchell then claimed that she did not care who owned the property, she just wanted someone to tell the neighboring property owner not to obstruct the passageway. City Attorney Whit Barton answered that this would be better suited for civil litigation unless there is a deed or legal documentation that the city does not know about. The passageway is not in city jurisdiction.

Mayor Comment Section

Mayor Akers informed the council of current and upcoming projects. He listed several streets, including Gum Springs, Beverly, Oakwood, and Shelton/Tracey Dr. that will be paved in the coming weeks. He plans on asking the council for another million dollars in coming months for 4 miles of in-city paving. He also stated that a code of conduct for city facilities will be released.

Meeting Adjourned

Clarissa Pace moved to adjourn the meeting, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the meeting was adjourned.

Laju Wigley
City Clerk