

City Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 22nd, 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, Michael James, Al Peer, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present. Cedric Leonard, Mark Tiner, and Craig McRae were 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 June minutes passed.

Old Business

a. Ordinance Updating City of Monticello Water Meter Deposit Fees -2nd Reading

Michael James introduced the ordinance and moved that it be read in entirety, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Clerk Taryn Wigley read. Michael James moved to read the ordinance next month for the 3rd reading, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the ordinance will move on a third reading.

New Business

a. Resolution A&P Commission Appointment

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers explained why he nominated Heather Cox to be on the A&P Commission. 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 unanimously.

b. Resolution Authorizing Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant

Michael James 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. Mayor Akers explained that this program will provide mental health services to police officers and their families. Police Chief Carlos Garcia added that these services will be available on an as needed basis and that it is a two-year grant. 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.

c. Resolution Authorizing Installation of Flooring at City Hall and & Amendment to General Fund Administration Budget

Clarisse introduced the resolution and moved to suspend 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, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

d. Resolution Authorizing Request to Combine ARDOT Grant Funding for Sidewalks

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Clarissa Pace seconded. 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.

e. Resolution Authorizing Addition to Street Overlay Project & Amending 1998 One Cent Sales Tax for 2025

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and rebuy title only, Clarissa Pace seconded. Mayor Akers clarified that the resolution will complete the University Heights overlay project. 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.

f. Resolution Declaring 422 North Oak St. a Nuisance

Clarissa Pace 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. City Inspector Brian Rodgers informed the council that the owner lives in California. There was a neighbor that offered to help clean up, but no action was ever taken. Mr. Rodgers added that there is a hole in the roof. Clarissa Pace moved to accept the resolution, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

g. Resolution Declaring 616 E McCloy St. a Nuisance

Al Peer 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. Al Peer informed the council that he has been in contact with the property owner, Mr. Jackson. He is in the process of repairing the property and would like 30 more days to finish repairs. Clarissa Pace moved to table the resolution for 30 days, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled for 30 days.

h. Resolution Declaring 309 E Shelton St. a Nuisance

Clarissa Pace introduced the resolution and suspend the rules and read by title only, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The ayes had it and city attorney Whit



Barton read. City inspector Brian Rodgers informed the council that the owner originally asked for a 90-day extension, and was looking for grants to fix the house. Craig McRae agreed to a 30-day extension. Clarissa Pace moved to grant a 30 day extension, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled.

i. Resolution Imposing a Lien on 122 Circle Acres

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mike Wigley seconded. Clarissa Pace moved to accept the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed.

j. Resolution Imposing a Lien on 104 Falls St.

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

k. Legislative Audit Finding and Response

Mayor Akers informed the council of the legislative audit findings. He stated that the city was cited for allowing 2nd Chancefurdogs to house in a city facility without a contract. Mayor Akers informed the council that he will send out letters later in the week to 2nd Chance, informing them that they will no longer be allowed to use the city facility.

Mayor Comment Section

Mayor Akers updated the council on several ongoing projects. The parking lots at city hall are being striped, the water bill mailbox was moved to the back of city hall, and the old metal building next to the police station is being torn down. Clarissa Pace informed everyone that there is a Back to School supply giveaway happening at McCloy Park on July 26th.

Meeting Adjourned

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


