

City Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 26th, 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, Al Peer, Mark Tiner, Craig McRae, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present.

Minutes

Clarissa Pace moved to accept the minutes, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the July minutes passed.

Old Business

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

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

Mayor Akers asked the council if he could amend the agenda in order to add a resolution. Mark Tiner moved to amend the agenda, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. They aye's had it and the agenda was amended.

New Business

a. Resolution Accepting Bid for Lake Trails Phase II Project

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Clarissa Pace seconded. Mark Tiner asked how much we get reimbursed after the project is completed. Finance Director Vickie Norris answered that 80% would be reimbursed. Mayor Akers added that this will combine Phase II and Phase III. 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.



b. Resolution Authorizing Grant Acceptance for Airport Grant 3-05-0042-026-2025

Michael James introduced both airport resolutions(section b and c) and moved to suspend the rules and read both by title only, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers informed the council that these are two separate grants that will go towards one building, totalling around \$900,000.00 at a 95% match. Michael James moved to adopt both resolutions, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. They aye's had it and both resolutions passed unanimously.

c. Resolution Authorizing Grant Acceptance for Airport Grant 3-05-0042-27-2025

Refer to section b.

d. Resolution Adopting Policy for Free Special Pickup Program

Mike Wigley 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. 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 unanimously.

e. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Drone and Amending 2025 Alcohol Beverage Control Fund

Mark Tiner 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 and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Jason Akers informed the council that the police department is upgrading their drone technology and the drone must be American-made. Mark Tiner moved to accept the resolution, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

f. Resolution Amending City of Monticello A&P Commission Fund Budget for 2025

Al Peer introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mark Tiner 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, 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

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. The owner of the property was present. He is requesting more time, he currently has the roof covered with a tarp and is in the process of stabilizing the property for storage. Clarissa Pace suggested tabling the



resolution for 90 days. Mike Wigley suggested a "check-in" every 30 days. Mayor Akers suggested that we table the resolution and the property owner will check in with the city inspector. The city inspector will then be able to make the decision of whether the resolution needs to come before the city council or not. Michael James moved to table the resolution indefinitely, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled.

h. Resolution Declaring 309 E Shelton 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 owners had been cooperative and the property had been cleaned and boarded up. Craig McRae added that he is familiar with the owners of this property and that they have had legal and health issues and are just now able to take care of this property. They intend to sell the house, and have received an offer on the house. Craig McRae suggested that we table this resolution indefinitely. Clarissa Pace moved to table the resolution, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled.

i. Resolution Imposing a Lien on 1030 Hwy 278 E

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

Mayor Comment Section

Mayor Akers provided an update on the city's ongoing and upcoming public works projects, emphasizing extensive street paving, milling, and demolition efforts completed so far this year. He outlined current and upcoming projects in multiple phases, as well as water line replacements on select streets, noting significant cost savings by performing much of the work in-house. Mayor Akers acknowledged that progress can be messy and inconvenient but emphasized the long-term benefits. He also introduced a program under Act 237 of 2023 (the Learn's Act), allowing local high school students to complete their required 75 community service hours with the City of Monticello under strict safety guidelines, fostering early engagement with local government.

Meeting Adjourned

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

Jim Wigley

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