

City of Monticello
Planning Commission
Meeting of Tuesday, March 14th, 2023
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Monticello Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Dan Boice at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers of Monticello City Hall.

Members present were Dan Boice, Evan Patrick, Jay Jones, Lou Lambert, Bubba Groves, Esbeida Higginbotham, Kathy Campbell, and Daniel Courtney. Nick Akers and Ray Ryburn were absent. Boice declared a quorum. Lou Lambert opened the meeting with a prayer.

February Minutes: Boice MOVED to approve the minutes as distributed, and the motion was seconded and carried

Public Forum: There were no comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Report of the fire marshal: Dale reported yet another profitable and safe month for the city. He also was in contact with the engineering firm responsible for building the new arena for Monticello High School. They submitted their permit for the building. The commission approved the permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Projects: Dan reiterated that the commission should tackle simple, quick projects, “low hanging fruit”. Projects that could be completed or underway by July 1st.

- Lighting in dim lit areas and streets was a major talking point. Areas such as Hyatt street, the intersection of 425 and 35 and the area a little further south, 278 east heading towards McGehee, and other main arteries into our town. The mayor said that better lighting around the square should also be addressed. Bubba and the mayor are going to get in touch with Entergy for the most cost effective way of getting the lights.
- Mayor Akers pointed out that the area around Jordan Park/splash pad needed some attention and that speed bumps would be a great asset.
- Traffic flow at Old Warren Road and 425 was addressed. Dan put Evan and Daniel in charge of finding a solution.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dan said that the April meeting should be centered around an explanation from McClelland on their solution for our city's water/drainage. Also discussing the issue of potential annexation for business/homes that hook up to city water/sewer.

Nick Akers, Secretary