

City of Monticello
Planning Commission
Meeting of Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Monticello Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Dan Boice at 6:12 p.m. in the Commercial Bank Community Center. Lou Lambert opened the meeting and the new year with a prayer.

Members present were Dan Boice, Nick Akers, Bubba Groves, Jay Jones, Lou Lambert, and Ray Ryburn. Kathy Campbell and Esbeida Higginbotham were absent. Boice declared a quorum.

November Minutes: Ray MOVED to approve the November 2022 minutes as distributed, which motion was seconded and CARRIED.

Public Forum: There were no comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: Dan was reelected Chair, and Jay was reelected Vice Chair. We will discuss the office of Secretary at the February meeting.

Meeting Time: After discussion, the Commission there was consensus to leave the regular meeting time at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

Report of the Fire Marshal: Dale reported another busy month, and noted that people seemed to be getting the message about needing permits in order to burn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Armory Update: Dan noted that the City had received no proposals for the Armory. Members discussed options involving other agencies, direct negotiations, and subdividing the building in order to attract more renters. Dan will bring details of the current rental agreement to the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plan for the City of Monticello: Dan reported that the Comprehensive Plan had been approved by the City Council at their December meeting, and had been posted on the City's website. Members discussed how best to make this document available. Bubba will talk with Taylor James about the cost of turning it into a booklet, including photographs. Dan will see if the A&P Commission has any advice.

Next Steps: Commissioners agreed that accomplishing some small but visible projects, or "low-hanging fruit," would be good for demonstrating activity on the Plan. Dan will distribute some documents from the public surveys, and each commissioner will come to the February meeting with a project proposal. Funding for projects will be a challenge, but perhaps funds from the

Infrastructure bill might be of use. Or perhaps another city might include us as a partner in a project. Representative Wardlaw has been good about keeping UAM and Monticello on his radar, and will be a great ally.

For the longer term, we need to get a better understanding of the McClelland fifteen-year plan for drainage and water infrastructure. Dan will talk to the mayor and perhaps McClelland about this.

Next Meeting: The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 14th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Dan Boice

Secretary *pro tem*