

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 15, 2018  
MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kirk Jones declared a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:        Kirk Jones                    Mayor  
                  John Champagne, Jr.    City Council Place # 2  
                  T.J. Wilkerson            City Council Place # 3  
                  Rebecca Huss            City Council Place # 4  
                  Dave McCorquodale    City Council Place # 5

Absent:         Jon Bickford                City Council Place # 1

Also Present: Jack Yates                City Administrator  
                  Susan Hensley            City Secretary  
                  Chris Roznovsky        City Engineer

**INVOCATION**

T.J. Wilkerson gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS**

**VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. Council may not discuss or take any action on an item, but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

There were no comments made.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

1. Consideration and possible action to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 5, 2018, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBERS, PLACES 2 AND 4, TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS.

Mayor Jones advised that at the General Election there were a total of 213 ballots cast and the following candidates won the Election with the following votes:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Sara Countryman for Mayor	125
John Champagne, Jr. for City Council, Place 2	125
Rebecca Huss for City Council Place 4	160

Mayor Jones said that the following candidates were elected:

Mayor - Sara Countryman

City Council, Place 2 – John Champagne, Jr.

City Council, Place 4 – Rebecca Huss

John Champagne moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

2. Justice of the Peace Wayne Mack will administer the Oaths of Office to the following duly elected officials from the May 5, 2018, City of Montgomery General Election:

Sara Countryman - Mayor

John Champagne, Jr. - City Council Place 2

Rebecca Huss – City Council Place 4

Judge Wayne Mack administered the Oath of Office to each of the candidates. Judge Mack stated that one of the highest honors any community can give anybody is public trust. Judge Mack congratulated all three candidates and advised them to treat that public trust with a high honor.

At that time, outgoing Mayor Kirk Jones handed the gavel and meeting over to the new Mayor Sara Countryman.

3. Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to outgoing Mayor Kirk Jones for his many years of service to the City of Montgomery.

Mr. Yates made the presentation to Mayor Kirk Jones stating that the plaque reads:

*In recognition of your many years of dedication to the City of Montgomery and service on:*

*Planning and Zoning Commission: 2003-2007*

*MIDC/MEDC Board: 2005-2018*

*City Council, Place 3: 2007-2015*

*Mayor: 2015-2018*

Mr. Yates said that one of Mayor Jones' accomplishments, along with zoning and the Historic District, was his steady hand during the fall of 2014 when the City Secretary, City Attorney, City Engineer and the City Administrator all left the City within 3-4 months. Mr. Yates said that Mayor Jones deserves a lot of credit for showing a steady hand.

Mr. Yates said that the plaque goes on to say:

*Thank you for your stewardship and diligence in preserving the history and ambiance of Montgomery, while promoting the economic development of this growing City. Your dedication and service will not be forgotten by the City of Montgomery.*

Mr. Yates said that he wanted to personally thank the Mayor for helping him to get started with the City of Montgomery. Mr. Yates said that it has been the pleasure of his life to be working with Montgomery, and said that Mayor Jones was a big reason for that and said "Thank you very much, Sir."

Mayor Jones said that he wanted to say that he was extremely honored to receive this recognition and said that it has been an honor to serve the residents of Montgomery for all these

years. Mayor Jones said that he was moving on, but not moving out, so he will be around and said to call him if he is needed.

Mayor Jones said that Mr. Yates had mentioned the tumultuous times in the City, and he stepped into the position of Mayor at a time where it was kind of tough, but this City Council, and most of them are all still here, has been together for a long time now and they are the ones that steered everything in the right direction. Mayor Jones said that they are the decision makers and he thanked all of them for getting them through those tough times and all the times since then. Mayor Jones said thank goodness, during that time, Mr. Yates and Ms. Hensley came along and since then things have been pretty good. Mayor Jones said that he feels like he is walking off with things in pretty good shape and said that it was mostly due to these folks on City Council.

Mayor Jones said he had lunch with Mayor Sara Countryman this afternoon and she asked what are the frustrations and awards about being Mayor. Mayor Jones said that part of the frustration for him is that government moves very slow, but it moves slow for a purpose, and that is to protect the citizens. Mayor Jones said that one of the rewards is that despite all the time it takes to make things happen, you can see what has been accomplished during the last 10 years around the City, which is a lot. Mayor Jones said those accomplishments are due to City Council and the employees on staff. Mayor Jones said that the employees make it happen, and he wanted to thank each and every one of them.

Mayor Jones then asked that if City Council ever allows MEDC to build a sidewalk on Clepper Street, please consider naming it after him. Mayor Jones thanked everyone for the recognition and expressed his best wishes to the new Mayor and City Council as they take care of the business of the City.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas. (There are no items at this time.)

**COUNCIL INQUIRY:**

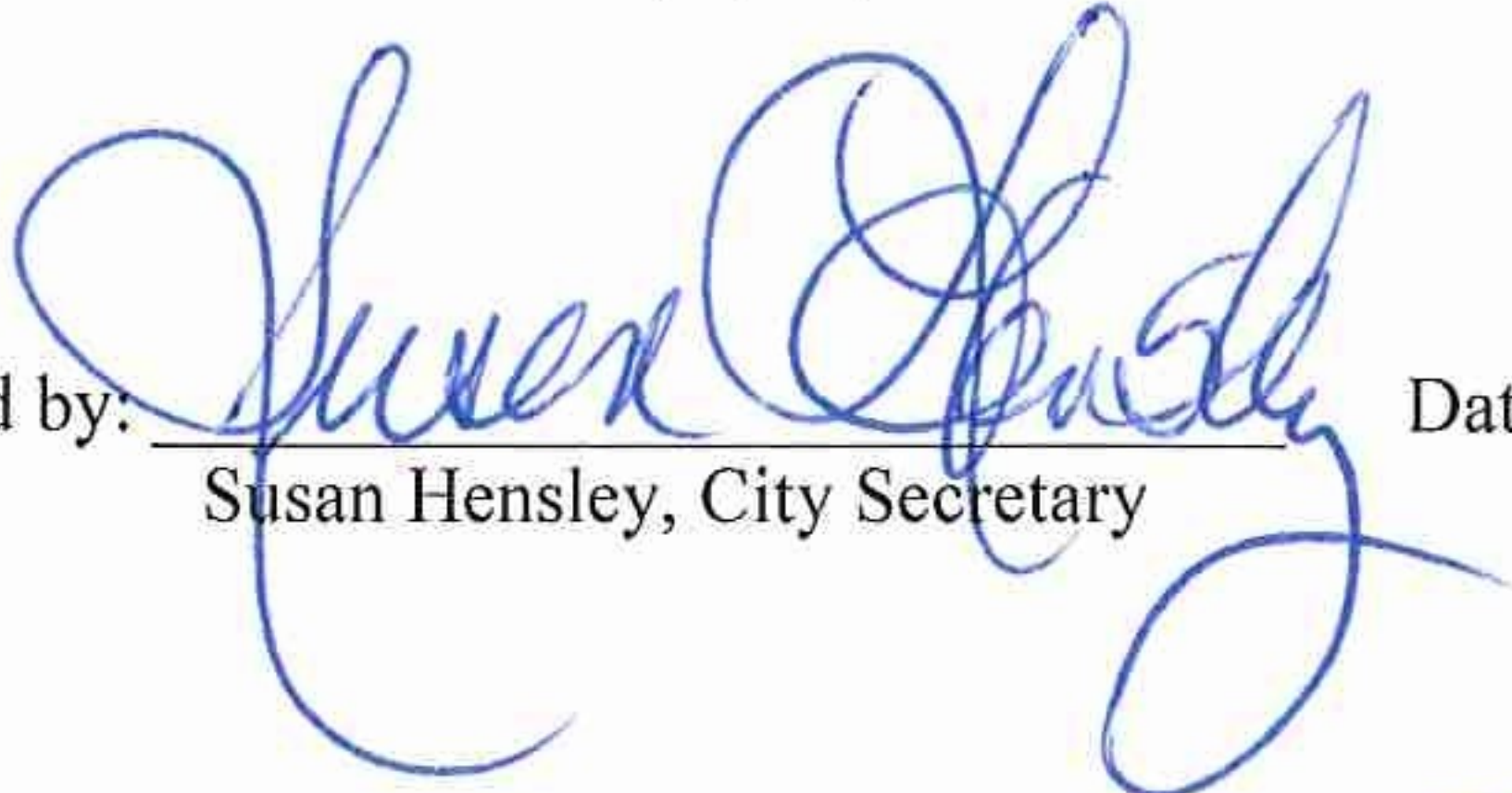
Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

Mayor Countryman advised that cake would be served after the meeting is adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rebecca Huss moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Dave McCorquodale seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Submitted by:

  
Susan Hensley, City Secretary

Date Approved:

05/22/18



  
Mayor Sara Countryman