



**CITY COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

<b>ITEM:</b> Ordinance 2023-09: An Ordinance of the City of Monticello that sets the Public Hearing Date for the Amendment of a Business District in Monticello	<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> City Administration
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> New Business	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> Terry Summers, City Administrator
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> ( X ) ORDINANCE ( ) RESOLUTION ( ) OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	<b>DATE:</b> February 8, 2023

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2019, the City Council created a business district with a 1% sales tax on eligible items effective January 1, 2020, as a funding source for public and private projects. In just three short years the city has reimbursed nearly \$100,000 for building improvements within the boundaries of the business district. The private investments witnessed exceeds \$500,000 for these building improvements. So far for 2023, there is \$52,270 of public funds allocated for building improvements, with an additional \$110,000 of private investment.

Amending the current boundaries of the business district was discussed during the FY2023 budget discussions and the City Council allocated money for a professional consultant to assist with these amendments. Staff has engaged with the original business district consultant, Moran Economic Development, in order to amend the current business district plan and its boundaries.

Representatives from Moran Economic Development will present the blight analysis for the proposed areas to be added, and the amended business development district plan at Monday evening’s City Council meeting prior to discussing Ordinance 2023-09.

Ordinance 2023-09 sets the date for the required public hearing for the evening of March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The required public notice of this public hearing will appear in the February 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> editions of the Piatt County Journal Republican.

To assure individuals have the opportunity to ask questions, city staff will notify all property owners and businesses located within the proposed area by mailing, as well as email if available.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve Ordinance 2023-09 as submitted thus setting the public hearing date as required.