

CITY OF MONROE  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Beneteau, Clark, Conner (arrived at 7:39 p.m.), McGhee, Molenda, Paisley and Mayor Worrell.

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager  
Ed Sell, Finance Director  
John Michrina, Police Chief

Mayor Worrell led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

George Brown, City Manager, stated that Council was being presented with a general fund budget below the one adopted last year, however, there is close to an \$800,000 deficit. He stated along with the fact that only \$365,000 is budgeted for capital improvements from the general fund, still illustrates almost a 1.5 million dollar structural deficit. He explained that the budget is put together without employee raises but with benefit levels as they have been and stated it is obvious that further significant action is going to be necessary to break even at best. He stated that Ed Sell, Finance Director, has figured some preliminary items regarding certain categories of cost that could have six figure effects on this budget hole if agreement is reached fairly soon with employee union groups.

Edward Sell, Finance Director, presented the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget, stating that a number of reports are included in the budget notebook. He explained that the budget process includes a review of the 2008 budget and hopefully a final amendment for the year. He reported that the 2009 budget is at almost 19.9 million dollars for the general fund and includes a deficit of \$735,000, which is covered with a transfer in from the Budget Stabilization Fund. He stated that the budget is considered temporary and there is still work to be done in terms of restructuring city government and collective bargaining issues. He presented Council with budget balancing possibilities.

He also reported on the property tax revenue, state revenue sharing, general fund revenue, personnel costs, multi sports complex, major/local street and refuse funds, building safety, airport, wastewater and water funds.

It was moved by Councilman Molenda and seconded by Councilman Paisley that the meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Loretta Hopson  
Deputy Clerk

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Mark G. Worrell  
Mayor