

**CITY OF MONROE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008**

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall First Floor Conference Room.

Present: Council Members Beneteau, Clark, Conner, McGhee, Molenda, Paisley and Mayor Worrell

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager
Tom Ready, City Attorney
John Michrina, Chief of Police
Scott Davidson, Director of Public Services
Charlie Slat, Monroe Evening News

Mayor Worrell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

George Brown, City Manager, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Charter Amendments, special events fees and changes to the weed ordinance.

Discussion took place regarding changes to Section 10 "When Regular Election held; Officers Elected; Terms of Office" and Section 11, "When Officers Assume Duties" of the City Charter.

It was the consensus of Council to bring Charter Section 10 before a public hearing for review before placement on the ballot.

John Michrina, Chief of Police, indicated that the majority of hours for special events were during regular work time, and overtime costs were minimal and not an issue.

Council took a break at 7:59 p.m. to conduct the special city council meeting and reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding special events and the fees associated with them.

Scott Davidson, Director of Public Services, spoke about fees incurred in setting up bleachers, etc., for special events and the possibility of charging a fee to events that raise funds.

Mayor Worrell appointed a committee to work with staff to establish a fee structure by June 2, 2008. The committee includes Councilmen Beneteau, Molenda, and Paisley.

Discussion was held regarding the notification procedure of those in violation of the Weed Ordinance. Tom Ready, City Attorney, advised council to repeal Section 692.07, subsections (b) and (c) of the Weed Ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Mark G. Worrell
Mayor