

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Charles D. Evans, Clerk, City Clerk's Office, gave the invocation.

Mayor Worrell led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentations.

Presentation by Cory Solomon, IT Special Projects Manager, regarding the CRMS Action Line.

Public Hearings.

165 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 08-009, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 296, Municipal Employees' Retirement System adding the following Sections 296.11(e) and (f) and there being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, and no persons present commenting, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

166 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 08-010, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 296, Municipal Employees' Retirement System to revise Section 296.48(b)(2)A, Hybrid Pension retirement window and there being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and no persons present commenting,, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

151 This being the date set to hear public comments on the necessity of installing a new public storm sewer relief outlet to alleviate drainage problems between Roessler Street and John L Drive and there being two comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing open.

Clarence Monday, 1335 N Roessler Street, stated he sent a letter to the Engineering Department and requested to be taken off of the list of property owners involved in the special assessment.

There being one person present commenting and two comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

152 This being the date set to hear public comments regarding the necessity of installing a new public water main on East Eighth Street between Washington and Custer and there being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing open.

Lynn Goodman, 727 Scarlet Oak, asked about the impact of traffic flow on Eighth Street, if there will be any cost to the Temple and has concern about the disruption of traffic and services especially during the Jewish Holidays in September/October.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, stated that the Temple's parking lot is considered a "lot of record" which is a buildable lot and has been assessed as such and at this time is included in the assessment schedule.

Jack Hess, 440 Hollywood, questioned the amount of the assessment.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, stated that definite pricing is not available at this time because we do not have quotes from contractors.

Brian Saxton, 4753 Southpointe Parkway, stated that he owns two properties in the project area and is concerned that the amount of the assessment is more than he can afford and will need to sell the properties.

Tom Morris, 759 Washington Street, read a letter of concern about the proposed width of Eighth Street.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, addressed the issue of the street design and stated that it is still in the planning stages.

There being five persons present commenting and two comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

187 This being the date set to hear public comments on an application for an Industrial Facilities Tax exemption Certificate pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, from Fluid Equipment Development Company for property located at 800 Ternes Drive and there being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing open.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, has concerns about the subsidy provided by the City through the tax abatement.

Sam Guich, City Assessor, passed out a spreadsheet indicating tax revenue loss to the City, and stated that the City would lose about \$98,000.00 over the 12 year abatement.

There being two persons present commenting and no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

188 This being the date set to hear public comments on a request to revoke the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate pursuant to Public act 198 of 1974, as amended, issued to Finishers Unlimited for the property located at 455 Detroit Avenue and there being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and no persons present commenting, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

### Council Action

165 It was moved by Councilperson Paisley and seconded by Councilperson Molenda that Proposed Ordinance No. 08-009, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 296, Municipal Employees' Retirement System adding the following Sections 296.11(e) and (f), be placed on its final reading

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 08-009 was then presented for the second time, after which the Mayor asked, "Shall this ordinance pass?"

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Ordinance passed.

166 It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman Beneteau that Proposed Ordinance No. 08-010, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 296, Municipal Employees' Retirement System to revise Section 296.48(b)(2)A, Hybrid Pension retirement window, be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 08-010 was then presented for the second time, after which the Mayor asked, "Shall this ordinance pass?"

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

170 It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman Clark that Proposed Ordinance No. 08-011, an Ordinance to amend Sections 492.01 and 492.02, Speed on River Raisin, of the Codified Ordinance of Monroe, MI., be placed on its first reading and that the public hearing be set for Monday, July 21, 2008.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 08-011 was then presented for the first time and laid over for its second reading and public hearing.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles Evans, City Clerk-Treasurer, stated that item 195 Humane Society of Monroe County Softball Tournament Fundraiser will be added to the Consent Agenda and that there is an error in typing on item 194, the date should be July 11, 2008.

Consent Agenda. (All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Mayor and Council and may be approved by one motion. Any item may be removed for separate discussion by a Councilperson or citizen.)

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 16, 2008, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, June 26, 2008, and the Minutes of the Work Session held on Monday, June 26, 2008.
- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,957,200.10.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

171 Old Village Plat Neighborhood Association Block Party.

- 1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from June Coyne on behalf of the Old village Plat Neighborhood Association for permission to hold their annual block party on August 23, 2008 and to close one block of S. Macomb Street between Third and Fourth Streets from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m., and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, and that the City Manager be granted the authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
- 2. Supporting documents.
- 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

172 Humane Society Banner Request.

- 1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Humane Society of Monroe County for permission to display a banner across West First Street from August 25 – September 13, 2008, announcing their annual "Bark in the Park Walk" at St. Mary's Park, and recommending that the request be approved.
- 2. Supporting documents.
- 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

- 173 First Presbyterian Church Charity Bed Race.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the First Presbyterian Church for permission to hold a charity bed race and to close East First between Monroe and Macomb Streets and Washington Street between Front and Second Streets from 12noon – 6:00 p.m. October 19, 2008, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 174 Arthur Lesow Community Center Back to School Festival.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Arthur Lesow Community Center for permission to hold a Back to School Festival on August 16, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., use of the City's portable stage, use of the parking lot west of ALCC (connecting Eastchester to Winchester), and that all fees be waived, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, and that the City Manager be granted the authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 175 Riverside Mini Mart, LLC Transfer Ownership.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Riverside Mini Mart to transfer ownership of a 2008 SDM licensed business located at 906 W. Front Street to Beech Market, and recommending that council approve this requested transfer contingent upon payment of delinquent taxes and passage of final building inspection.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 176 Fire and Police Annual Picnic in the Park.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office reporting back on a request from Firefighter Wolf for permission to close Elm Avenue between Monroe and Borgess Streets, to park their trucks on Elm Avenue and use the fire hydrants, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on August 2, 2008 for their annual "Picnic in the Park" at St. Mary's Park, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and that the recommendation be carried out.
- 177 Jazz Festival Banner Request.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention and Tourism Bureau for permission to display banners across East Front and Monroe Streets from July 14 – August 10, 2008, announcing the Jazz Festival on August 9 & 10, 2008, and recommending approval of this request with modified dates for Monroe Street of July 29 – August 10, 2008.

2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

178 Jazz Festival Services Contract.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention and Tourism Bureau for permission to hold the annual River Raisin Jazz Festival on August 9 & 10, 2008, with assistance from city personnel (DPS, Fire & Police), assist with sponsorship of the event, close Elm Avenue from Borgess to Monroe Street VIP parking spots in St. Mary's parking lot, provide police security in Park, clean-up of city park, install fencing around VIP viewing area, install flags and banners, signage to parking, provide bleachers, porta-potties, and garbage cans, etc., and any other cleanup to make the park area presentable, and recommend that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, as well as the signing of this contractual services agreement between the City and Monroe County Convention and Tourism Bureau, and that the City Manager be granted the authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

179 Appointments Resolution.

1. Communication from the Mayor's Office submitting a proposed resolution for appointments to various City Boards and Commissions, and recommending the proposed Resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

180 Wastewater System Improvements.

1. Communication from Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a proposal for additional engineering services to complete the project design on the Wastewater system improvements project, and recommending that a purchase order be awarded to URS Corporation in the amount of \$104,195.00.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

181 Installation of New Public Water Main - East Eighth Street.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning, submitting Resolution No. 3 in the special assessment process declaring the installation of a new water main on East Eighth Street between Washington and Custer a public necessity, and recommending that the attached Resolution 3 be adopted, and that the Engineering Department be authorized to secure quotes from various contractors for the work.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

182 Resolution No. 3 – St. Mary's Gardens – New Public Storm Sewer.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning, submitting Resolution No. 3 in the special assessment process declaring the installation of a new public storm sewer relief outlet to alleviate a drainage system that is failing at the rear of homes located

- between John L, Calgary, and North Roessler a public necessity, and recommending that Resolution 3 be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 183 Resolution No. 4 – St. Mary’s Gardens – New Public Storm Sewer
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, submitting Resolution No. 4, setting the public hearing date for Monday August 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments on the special assessment roll for the installation of a public storm sewer relief outlet to alleviate drainage problems between Roessler & John L Drive, and recommending that the Resolution be adopted.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 184 AT&T Above-Ground Utility Structure – Request for Permit Approval – Location #24.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning, submitting a request for approval of AT&T Above Ground Utility Structure Location #24, in the west terrace of Borgess Avenue roughly 100 feet north of Elm Avenue, and recommending that the cabinet at location #24 be approved contingent upon no objections from the reviewing department and that the Engineering Department be authorized to issue a right-of-way permit for the work, subject to minor relocation for any conflicting utilities.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 185 Consultant Award – 2008 Bridge Inspection.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, submitting a proposal for the 2008 Bridge Inspection Consultant Selection, and recommending that the City award a contract for inspection services to the Mannik and Smith Group, in the amount of \$18,560.00 , and that the Director of Engineering be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, and further recommending that the Finance Director be authorized to make a budget transfer as necessary from either the Engineering Department full-time salaries budget, or unallocated fund balances in the Major Street Fund or General Fund to cover the costs of the inspection activities.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 186 2008 Crack and Slurry Seal Program Award.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, reporting that D.G. Slurry Seal of Toledo, Ohio, the only bidder for the past three years for the Crack and Slurry Seal Program, has indicated interest in the 2008 Program, and recommending that council award a Change Order to the 2007 Program contract to D. G. Slurry Seal of Toledo in the amount of \$103,120.81 which includes contingencies and further recommending that the Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning be authorized to sign the change order on behalf of the City of Monroe.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

- 187 Fluid Equipment Development Company IFT Application.
1. Communication from the Planning Department, submitting an Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Fluid Equipment Development Company for leasehold improvements and personal property to their facility located at 800 Ternes Drive and recommending that Council approve the request in accordance with the recommendation of the EDRC in the form of the attached resolution and authorize staff to forward the application to the State Tax Commission for their review and action, following a public hearing, at its July 7, 2008 meeting.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 188 Revocation of Finishers Unlimited of Monroe, Inc. Tax Abatement.
1. Communication from the Assessor's Office, submitting a proposed resolution to revoke Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 97-754 issued to Finishers Unlimited of Monroe Inc., and recommending the attached Resolution be adopted.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the Resolution be adopted.
- 189 2008 Additional Street Projects.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning, submitting a list of five (5) streets for funding and construction during calendar year 2008 as part of the 2008/09 Capital Improvements Program and recommending that the Finance Director be authorized to allocate funding from the unallocated Fiscal Year 2008-009 General Fund Budget for the five (5) projects and it is further recommended that the Engineering Department be authorized to solicit quotes and/or bids as appropriate for the work herein described, and to present them for award at a future City Council meeting.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 190 2008 Sidewalk Replacement Program.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning submitting a list of property owners who have not repaired the sidewalks adjacent to their property in conjunction with the 2008 Sidewalk Replacement Program, and recommending that if their walks are not repaired within ten (10) days, the City will arrange to make the necessary repairs and bill the cost to them..
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 191 2008 Sidewalk Replacement Program Award.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineer, Public Services, and Planning submitting a quote from Andrews Construction Company, Inc., for the 2008 Sidewalk replacement program, and recommending that Council award a Change Order to Andrews Construction Company, Inc. 2007-2008 ADA Ramp Replacement Program Contractor in the amount of \$65,957.19, and that a total of \$76,000 be encumbered, which includes a 15% contingency for the project, and it is further recommended that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the City of Monroe.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

- 192 Water Department Neptune Radio Reading Device and Meter Purchase.
1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a request to purchase three hundred (300) Neptune R900 Wall Unit Radio Reading devices, four hundred forty (440) Neptune R900 Pit Unit Radio Reading Devices, three hundred sixty (360) 5/8"x3/4" T-10 E-Coder inside water meters, and two hundred forty (240) 5/8"x3/4" T-10 Auto Detect pit water meters, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$151,374.00 for providing the Water Department Neptune Radio Reading Devices and meters be issued to SLC Meter Services, Inc. (sole source distributor).
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 193 Non-Bargained for Employees.
1. Communication from the Human Resource Director submitting Policy changes in Health Care and Retiree Health Care benefits for non-bargained employees and recommending that Council approve the attached Policies and direct City administration to proceed with implementation.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 194 Little House of Hugs Request for Waived Fees
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office submitting a request from Little House of Hugs to use St. Mary's Park and Bandshell to raise funds for Tommy Brancheau on June 11, 2008 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and that fees are waived, and recommending that Council approve the request to waive the fees contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, that all necessary park deposits are paid, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 195 Humane society of Monroe County Softball Tournament Fundraiser.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office submitting a request from the Humane Society of Monroe County to use Munson Park's ball diamonds for a softball tournament fundraiser on August 23 & 24, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., to operate their own concession stand and that all fees be waived.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman McGhee that items 171, 172, 175, 176, 177, 178, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 187, 188, 191, 192, and 193 be approved as indicated and that items 173, 174, 179, 186, 189, 190, 194, and 195 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, requested that the following items be addressed together.

173 Communication from the City Manager's Office, was presented reporting back on a request from the First Presbyterian Church for permission to hold a charity bed race and to close East First between Monroe and Macomb Streets and Washington Street between Front and Second Streets from 12noon – 6:00 p.m. October 19, 2008, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration,

subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Clark that item 173 be accepted, placed on file, and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

174 Communication from the City Manager's Office, was presented reporting back on a request from the Arthur Lesow Community Center for permission to hold a Back to School Festival on August 16, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., use of the City's portable stage, use of the parking lot west of ALCC (connecting Eastchester to Winchester), and that all fees be waived, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, and that the City Manager be granted the authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman Clark that item 174 be accepted, placed on file, and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

Mayor Worrell stated that a committee has been formed of 3 council members to establish criteria for the process of waving of fees.

Councilman Beneteau stated the committee has met to discuss the issue.

Councilman Molenda said the committee has come up with a system that shows preference for charitable organizations, that there will be cost sharing and waiving of fees will be done away with.

Councilman Paisley added that there will also be specific costs associated with certain items being used, ie, portable stage, bleachers, porta johns, employee overtime, etc.

179 Communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, submitting a proposed resolution for appointments to various City Boards and Commissions, and recommending the proposed Resolution be adopted.

Councilwoman Conner recognized the people and length of their appointment terms and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Worrell pointed out that we would like to encourage the public to participate and how to become involved.

It was moved by Councilwoman Conner and seconded by Councilman Clark that items 179 be accepted, placed on file, and the resolution be adopted.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, requested that the following items be addressed together.

186 Communication from Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, was presented reporting that D.G. Slurry Seal of Toledo, Ohio, the only bidder for the past three years for the Crack and Slurry Seal Program, has indicated interest in the 2008 Program, and recommending that council award a Change Order to the 2007 Program contract to D. G. Slurry Seal of Toledo in the amount of \$103,120.81 which includes contingencies and further recommending that the Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning be authorized to sign the change order on behalf of the City of Monroe.

189 Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning, was presented, submitting a list of five (5) streets for funding and construction during calendar year 2008 as part of the 2008/09 Capital Improvements Program and recommending that the Finance Director be authorized to allocate funding from the unallocated Fiscal Year 2008-009 General Fund Budget for the five (5) projects and it is further recommended that the Engineering Department be authorized to solicit quotes and/or bids as appropriate for the work herein described, and to present them for award at a future City Council meeting.

190 Communication from the Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, was presented, submitting a list of property owners who have not repaired the sidewalks adjacent to their property in conjunction with the 2008 Sidewalk Replacement Program, and recommending that if their walks are not repaired within ten (10) days, the City will arrange to make the necessary repairs and bill the cost to them.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, would like to know what specific streets will be taken care of in the three projects.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering, Public Services, and Planning, gave a brief description of each program, how they chose the area to be improved by the program, and listed some of the locations that will benefit from the Programs and stated there is a list available for current and future projects.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilwoman Conner that item 186 be accepted, placed on file, and the recommendation be carried out..

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilwoman Conner that item 189 be accepted, placed on file, and the recommendation be carried out..

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman McGhee that item 190 be accepted, placed on file, and the recommendation be carried out..

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

194 Communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, submitting a request from Little House of Hugs to use St. Mary's Park and Bandshell to raise funds for Tommy Brancheau on June 11, 2008 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and that fees are waived, and recommending that Council approve the request to waive the fees contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, that all necessary park deposits are paid, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman McGhee that items 194 be accepted, placed on file, and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

195 Communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, submitting a request from the Humane Society of Monroe County to use Munson Park's ball diamonds for a softball tournament fundraiser on August 23 & 24, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., to operate their own concession stand and that all fees are waived.

Jerry Kovach, 511 E. Elm Avenue, Board President of the Humane Society of Monroe County, gave a brief overview of the operations of the Humane Society, also indicated the organization's willingness to support Mr. Robert Hall in

his desire to have a softball tournament to raise money for the Human Society, and stated the organization appreciates the efforts of Mr. Hall and anything the community can do for the Humane Society.

Councilman Molenda stated he does not support the recommendation to deny that fees be waived, that at this time there is no fee schedule in place and that he is in support of fees being waived or a significant reduction in fees.

Ed Sell, Director of Finance, indicated the reason why staff has recommended that fees not be waived is that there are extra costs in overtime hours for field maintenance, that the likelihood of recovering overtime costs with this request would not be probable because the fee being waived is for maintenance of fields and that after speaking with Scott Davidson, a member of the committee to review and determine the fee structure, it was determined that the fee schedule may be determined by the fee charged by the fundraiser.

Councilman Paisley suggested cutting the costs in half.

Robert Hall, 628 Parkwood Avenue, stated that the fundraiser is determined by the fee, and that he is in need of a decision from council today.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilwoman Conner that item 195 be accepted under the following terms: Use of the Ball Diamonds, the Concession Stand, that the fee of \$800.00 be cut in half and that the City Manager be granted the authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion passed.

#### Mayor Comments.

Mayor Worrell noted that we use concrete for our curb/gutters and roads in the Midwest and that other cities like Hartford Ct. use granite which lasts forever. He would like to see council sit down, review their goals and talk about some areas where improvements can be made. He further commented on community involvement and how our community is in need of it. He recognized and congratulated Councilman Clark for his promotion to Major.

#### Council Comments.

Councilman Paisley commented on tax abatement and the benefits it will provide for our community.

Councilman McGhee asked that the fee structure committee get on their jobs.

Councilman Molenda commented on the Skate Boarder's Event he missed and that it would be nice to have a calendar of events for the community and gave a few suggestions for such a project.

Councilwoman Conner stated her concern for people who do not have a computer to access the action line, and commented that the foreclosures in the city are beginning to stabilize.

Councilman Beneteau commented on a complaint he received about high grass, so he put it on the Action Line, and the problem was taken care of, but he stated it was not because of the Action Line. He also commented on tourism.

#### Citizen's Comments.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, congratulated Councilman Clark on his promotion and thanked Paul Marks, City Police Department, for his courtesy.

Ronald Niesz, 938 Waterloo Avenue, questioned the section of town the sidewalk work is being done this year and is concerned that they are doing the same area as last year.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering, Public Services and Planning, stated that the area is just east of the area done in 2006.

Lori Burgess, 296 Petersburg Road, Petersburg, MI, Beamer Limo and Transport Services, explained that she was approached by a police officer when she dropped off a customer to a business and that she has had a problem with the local taxi service.

Tom Ready, Attorney, stated he has been asked to make a recommendation and/or comment but has not done so yet because he is in need of more information, but he would suggest that Ms. Burgess refrain from picking up anyone in Monroe until he has made a recommendation.

Adam Yeager, 1833 S. Custer Road, commented on the economy and the job market.

Gary Dushane, 20 N. Roessler Apt. 107, expressed concern about the fenced outside eating areas at McGeedy's, Beeks and 129 Club. He is handicapped and has had problems navigating around those areas and is concerned that others would have the same problem.

Brian Sexton, 4753 Southpointe Parkway, commented on foreclosures in the City and would like to speak to council about the assessment.

Cory Solomon, It Special Projects Manager, stated that Committees and their meeting dates are listed on the City of Monroe website, city sponsored activities are on the website, and to use the Action Line to request other items be added.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman Molenda that the meeting adjourn at 10:03 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Charles D. Evans  
Clerk, Clerk's Office

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Mark G. Worrell  
Mayor