

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Councilperson Clark.

Presentations.

Presentation by Mayor Mark G. Worrell in recognition of City Employees who retired in 2008.

Presentation by Judy Laberde, Michigan Parole Supervisor for Monroe County, and Sandie Pierce, ReEntry Liaison, regarding the Michigan Prisoner Initiative.

Presentation by Richard Rondo, Mothers Against Drunk Driving for Southeast Michigan.

Proclamations.

240 Halloween Trick-or-Treat Night – Friday, October 31, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Paisley that item 240, the Halloween Proclamation, be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. (All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Mayor and Council and will be approved by one motion, unless a Council member or citizen requests that an item be removed and acted on as a separate agenda item)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,168,953.83.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

241 Lease Agreement of the Water Department House.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting the lease agreement of the Water Department house at 6369 Pointe Aux Peaux Road, and recommending that the City lease the house at 6369 Pointe Aux Peaux Road to William Anderson and that the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the attached lease on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

242 Water Treatment Plant Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Chemical Bid.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received to supply Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for the Water Treatment Plant, and recommending

that a purchase order be awarded to General Chemical Performance Products, LLC to supply Liquid Aluminum Sulfate from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 based on the bid unit price of \$412.00/ton.

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

243 River Sanitary Manhole Reconstruction – North Side of Dam East of Virginia Drive – Change Order Award.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services, submitting a change order to the North Roessler Street/Lavender Street Alley Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction project, and recommending that the City Council award the change order to Schumaker Brothers Construction for this work in the amount of \$40,000, and that a total of \$50,000 be encumbered to include a 25% project contingency and further recommending that the City Engineer 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.

244 USDA Water Service funding Contracts.

1. Communication from the Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities, submitting contracts and forms used for participation in the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Home Improvement and Repair Loans and Grants Section 504 Program, and recommending that the City of Monroe participate in this program for qualified homeowners located within the City of Monroe Water System service area and that the City Manager be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

245 Mason Run Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Agreement Amendments.

1. Communication from the Director of Finance, submitting the Mason Run Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Agreement Amendments, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council, subject to any further modifications required by the EPA, (1) approve amending the cooperative agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency related to the City of Monroe Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund by increasing the total budget by \$250,000 to \$1.45 million, (2) approve amending the loan agreement and promissory note between the City of Monroe and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority by increasing the amount loaned from \$1.175 million to \$1.425 million, and (3) approve amending the Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund agreement and promissory note between the City of Monroe and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority by discounting the amount owed by the BRA by \$200,000.
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 item's 242 and 243, be approved as indicated and that items 241, 244 and 245 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

241 The communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, was presented submitting the lease agreement of the Water Department house at 6369 Pointe Aux Peaux Road, and recommending that the City lease the house at 6369 Pointe Aux Peaux Road to William Anderson and that the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the attached lease on behalf of the City of Monroe.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, expressed concern and surprise that the City owns rental property in the township, concern about the rental fee being substantially lower than the market would dictate and that the liability insurance coverage for the property is very low.

Barry LaRoy, Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities, stated that the City owned rental property is adjacent to a Water Intake Station owned in partnership with Frenchtown Township and explained that the property could ultimately be used for expansion of the water intake station. He further added that the rental fee for the property is lower because the tenant is a water operator at Frenchtown and could be called for any emergencies if needed, and also serves as ground maintenance for the property and an extra set of eyes for security. He stated he would look into the liability insurance coverage and explore an increase in rental fee.

Councilman Paisley expressed concern about increasing the rental fee.

Councilman Beneteau indicated that a half million dollars in liability insurance seemed like an adequate amount of coverage.

Tom Ready, City Attorney, agreed with that amount of coverage but will review the current policy before making a recommendation.

George Brown, City Manager, stated that he is not aware of any other rental properties owned by the City and that it is not unusual for a municipality to have rental property.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilwoman Conner that item 241 be tabled until the next regular council meeting scheduled October 6, 2008.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 2 (Councilman McGhee and Councilman Paisley)

Motion carried.

244 The communication from the Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities, was presented submitting contracts and forms used for participation in the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Home Improvement and Repair Loans and Grants Section 504 Program, and recommending that the City of Monroe participate in this program for qualified homeowners located within the City of Monroe Water System service area and that the City Manager be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, asked for clarification on the eligibility requirements for the program.

Barry LaRoy, Water and Wastewater Utilities, stated that the City is involved by installation of service and the reimbursement after the installation but has nothing to do with the pre-requisites of eligibility.

It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman Molenda that item 244 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

245 The communication from the Director of Finance, was presented submitting the Mason Run Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Agreement Amendments, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council, subject to any further modifications required by the EPA, (1) approve amending the cooperative agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency related to the City of Monroe Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund by increasing the total budget by \$250,000 to \$1.45 million, (2) approve amending the loan agreement and promissory note between the City of Monroe and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority by increasing the amount loaned from \$1.175 million to \$1.425 million, and (3) approve amending the Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund agreement and promissory note between the City of Monroe and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority by discounting the amount owed by the BRA by \$200,000.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street, asked for a better understanding of the item.

Ed Sell, Director of Finance explained Phase 5, Environmental Cleanup, of Mason Run and explained the Revolving Loan Fund.

It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilwoman Conner that item 245 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### Mayor Comments.

Mayor Worrell stated that he testified last Thursday before Congress in Washington on the Battlefield Bill and thanked Pat Weaver and Jeff Green for their help with preparing for the testimony.

#### Council Comments.

Councilman McGhee said that the last clean up of the year for The Orchard East will be Thursday September 18, 2008, from 5pm-7pm.

Councilman Molenda said he attended the Bike Night, sponsored by the Monroe Firefighters Local 326, on September 11<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 9/11 Memorial and he informed everyone about a steak roast & silent auction at The Monroe Boat Club sponsored by the Community Foundation to benefit Access to Recreation Initiative.

Councilwoman Conner commented on public interest regarding a dog run at Munson Park and also about the activities on 9/11 and the bike night downtown. She further stated that foreclosures in the City totaled 155 for the previous month and that the burned damaged wall at 327 South Monroe Street is now refurbished.

George Brown, City Manager, reminded everyone that The Johnny Knorr Orchestra will perform Saturday September 20 at St. Mary's Park and that leaf bags will be available on October 1 at The Department of Public Services on Jones Avenue.

#### Citizen's Comments.

Carl McIntosh, 419 Almyra Avenue, thanked Council and the Traffic Control Board for leaving the traffic light at Winchester and East Third Street.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road, commented on the Election, issues surrounding illegal aliens, NAFTA, and a North American Union.

Andrea Jones, Main Street Director, commented on Custer Week, the Sixth Annual Cup of Hope and cancellation of the Great Pumpkin weekend.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilman Paisley and seconded by Councilman Clark that the meeting adjourn at 9:08 p.m.  
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

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Sharon C Malotky  
Deputy Clerk, City Clerk's Office

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Mark G. Worrell  
Mayor