

**CITY OF MONROE  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008**

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:35 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room.

Present: Council Members Molenda, Conner, Beneteau, Clark (6:40pm) Paisley (7:20 pm), McGhee, and Mayor Worrell.

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager  
Tom Ready, City Attorney  
Pat Lewis, Director of Engineering and Public Services  
Bill Walters, DPS, Operations Supervisor  
Scott Davidson,

George Brown, City Manager, Introduced Bill Walters and indicated that Pat Lewis, Bill Walters and Scott Davidson will provide information and ask for feedback on what features council might want to see in a bid for solid waste services, of which the current contract is due to expire and they are also seeking feedback on the MONROE block lettering on Monroe Street.

Scott Davidson stated that the city had a five year contract with the current refuse company and that they are working with a 6 month extension which runs out at the end of February. He explained the benefits of a five year contract and what services are included. He provided information on the current contract with monthly costs, annualized costs and also information on contract bid preparation, alternatives and a bid summary from 7/03.

After discussion about the different options for alternative services and bid offerings, it was decided that the current service would be bid as is and that the dumpster at DPS would be bid separately.

Pat Lewis, Director of Engineering and Public Services stated that the flowers for the MONROE block lettering have been removed and taken to North Monroe Greenhouse and will remain there to be cultivated for next year and that there will be a marginal cost for holding them. He further stated that they have not put a lot of time in researching alternative flowers because the costs for the current flowers and maintenance is approximately \$10,000-\$12,000 which is competitive for this type of display. He continued that a couple of alternatives they have considered are, to use perennials or some type of lower bush or a hardscape design.

After discussion of the presented options and suggestions from council it was decided that the city would continue to consider this item further and bring it back to council at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Charles D. Evans  
City Clerk, Clerk's Office

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Mark G. Worrell  
Mayor