

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Molenda, Conner, Beneteau, Clark, and Mayor Pro-Tem Paisley.

Excused: Councilman McGhee and Mayor Worrell.

Charles Evans, City Clerk-Treasurer gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Paisley led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentations.

Presentation by Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, regarding sanitary sewer backup.

Presentation by Scott Davidson, Coordinator of Public Services, regarding recent flooding conditions.

Presentation by Dan Stefanski, Monroe County Drain Commissioner, and representing the Commission on Environment & Water Quality, presented a Resolution that will give eligibility to apply for a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration grant to remove (6) low-head dams in the River Raisin.

Scott Dierks, JF New, stated that funds would be Habitat Restoration money through NOAA and that by taking out the dams it would enhance fish passage and reduce the water elevation from 2-4 feet in downtown Monroe.

Charles Evans, City Clerk-Treasurer read the Resolution.

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proclamations.

41 The Big Read Month – April 2009.

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 Council Meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2009.

- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$509,895.55.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

42 Annual Fair Parade.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Fair Association for permission to hold the annual Fair Parade on August 2, 2009, and recommending that Council approve this 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.

43 YMCA Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe Family YMCA for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from August 10 through September 7, 2009 announcing the Corporate Cup on September 18-20, 2009, and recommending that the request be approved.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

44 Earth Day Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Earth Day Committee for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from April 6 – 25, 2009 announcing Earth Day on April 25, 2009, and recommending that the request be approved with the modified street location of East Front Street.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

45 Appointment – Director of Engineering and Public Services.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting the full-appointment of Patrick Lewis as Director of Engineering and Public Services effective as of March 15, 2009, at an annual salary of \$85,000, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council confirm and approve the appointment.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

46 Appointment – Director of Water and Waste Water Utilities.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting the full-appointment of Barry LaRoy as Director of Water and Waste Water Utilities effective as of March 15, 2009, at an annual salary of \$85,000, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council confirm and approve the appointment.

2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 47 Vehicle Equipment Changeover.
1. Communication from the Police Department, reporting back on a bid for the equipment changeover from a 2004 Dodge Intrepid into the new replacement vehicle, a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, and recommending that the bid be awarded to Herkimer Radio Service, the low and only bidder, in the amount of \$6,178,41.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 48 Command Officers Ratification.
1. Communication from the Human Resources Director, submitting the negotiated settlement between the City of Monroe and the Command Officers Association of Michigan (representing the Command Officers), and recommending that the Council formally approve the ratification of the COAM/Command Officers 2008 – 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement and authorize Signatures of City Officials.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 49 AT & T Above-Ground Utility Structure – Request for Permit Approval – Location #25.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services, submitting a request for approval of AT & T Above Ground Utility Structure Location #25, located in the west terrace of Wadsworth Street approximately 100 feet south of East First Street, and recommending that the cabinet at location #25 be approved contingent on no objections from the reviewing departments, 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.
- 50 2007/08 ADA Ramp Replacement Program – Change Order for 2009 Work.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services, submitting a change order to the 2007/08 ADA Ramp Replacement Program, and recommending that Council award a change order to the 2007/08 ADA Ramp Program to the Andrews Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$280,000 for approximately 175 additional ramps, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering and Public Services be authorized to sign the change order on behalf o the City of Monroe.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

- 51 Water Distribution System Improvements – Phase 2 Financing Notice of Intent Resolution.
1. Communication from the Director of Finance, submitting a proposed Water Distribution System Improvements – Phase 2 Financing Notice of Intent Resolution, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached Notice of Intent Resolution related to the 2009 Capital Improvement Bonds.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 52 2009 Construction Projects - Consultant Inspection Award Recommendation.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services, submitting the 2009 Construction Projects Consultant Inspection Proposals, and recommending that the City Council award a contract to TTL Associates for “as needed” services up to \$100,000, award a contract to the Mannik and Smith Group for “as needed” services up to \$50,000, award a contract to Dietrich, Bailey and Associates for “as needed” services up to \$50,000, and award a contract to David Arthur Consultants, Inc. for “as needed” services up to \$50,000, and further recommending that the City Engineer be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the City of Monroe, and to direct the scheduling of these inspection activities during 2009 in the best interest of the City.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 53 Purchase of Mosquito Control Supplies.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services, submitting a request to purchase (10) cases of Altosid XR briquettes, a mosquito larvicide product, and recommending that City Council approve the purchase at a total cost of \$6,446.00 from the sole source, Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 54 Professional Services Award – 2010 Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF).
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services, reporting back on proposals received for the 2010 drinking water revolving fund for surveying and design services and recommend that City Council award a contract to The Mannik and Smith Group for surveying an design services up to \$170,840 according to the attached proposal, and further recommending that the City Engineer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

55 Professional Services Award – Custer Airport Runway Rehabilitation.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services, submitting a request for a service agreement for survey and design services for the Custer Airport Runway Rehabilitation project up to \$101,000, and recommending that the contract be awarded to Reynolds, Smith, and Hills, Inc., and further recommending that the City Manager, Director of Engineering and Public Services, or their designee be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe, after it is reviewed by the appropriate City staff.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Clark that items 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 be approved as indicated and that items 44 and 50 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

44 The communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, reporting back on a request from the Earth Day Committee for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from April 6 – 25, 2009 announcing Earth Day on April 25, 2009, and recommending that the request be approved with the modified street location of East Front Street..

Councilwoman Conner stated that she pulled this item because there is a representative in attendance from the committee and she thought it would be interesting to hear comments from her.

Sara Nash, Monroe County Earth Day 2009 Committee, thanked council for including Earth Day on the agenda and said that Earth Day will be celebrated in Loranger Square on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. She further stated that this year's event will be an Earth Fair and will emphasize buying locally and living locally and invited everyone out to celebrate with them.

It was moved by Councilwoman Conner and seconded by Councilman Molenda that item 44 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion passed.

50 The communication from the Director of Engineering and Public Services was presented, submitting a change order to the 2007/08 ADA Ramp Replacement Program, and recommending that Council award a change order to the 2007/08 ADA Ramp Program to the Andrews Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$280,000 for approximately 175 additional ramps, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering and Public Services be authorized to sign the change order on behalf o the City of Monroe.

Linda Compura, 411 Bentley Drive asked for the location for the 175 additional ramps and would like Patrick Lewis to address the "tile" to be used in place of the usual stamp concrete.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering and Public Services gave the locations of the remaining ramp projects and explained that the reason for using tile instead of concrete is the cost.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Clark that item 50 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### Mayor Pro-Tem's Comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Paisley commented on the recent flood.

#### Council Comments.

Councilman Molenda commented on the flooding in his basement, on Governor Granholm's Plan to remake and diversify Michigan's economy and introduced Jodie Branham and Casey Waterworth from TK Productions. He further commented on Bounce Mania at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex and said that for information on the event to call 242-1300.

Jodie Branham & Casey Waterworth, TK Productions, thanked Councilman Molenda for the invitation to come to Monroe and stated that it would be good for the community to invite the film industry to Monroe because it creates jobs, and brings in money to boost the economy.

Councilwoman Conner commented on the banquet at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, the presentation on Access to Recreation and the stimulus money coming into the county for the senior citizens.

Councilman Beneteau commented on the gym floor at the Arthur Lesow Community Center.

Councilman Clark commented on the NOAA Resolution passed this evening, welcomed the students in attendance, and commented on the claims due to the flooding. He further stated that the Michigan Municipal League Conference was on March 3 & 4 and the budget meetings that will be held on March 23, 24 and 30. He further commented on the ratification of the Police Command Officers Union contract, and the 2009 construction projects and inspections.

#### City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager, commended the Police Command Officers on the professional civil discourse and the diligent work put forth along with Council in settling their contract. He also wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

#### Citizen's Comments.

Andrea Jones, Executive Director Mainstreet Monroe DDA, commented on the Way Finding Study, goals for the year, the spring 2009 Monroe Magazine and the tear-off maps. She further stated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at St. Mary's Park on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., registration begins at 10:00 a.m. and for more information, visit their website at [monroemainstreet.com](http://monroemainstreet.com).

Adam Yeager, 1833 S. Custer Road commented on flooding in the area and said he did not want to see the dams removed.

Sarah Kopmanis, 1119 McCormick Drive commented on the problems with sewage in her basement 20 years ago and the steps the City took to resolve the problem, and she stated that now her basement has flooded again with sewer water.

Lori Schultz, 5830 E. Dunbar Road commented on the flooding of sewage in her area also.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on the construction barrel on a sewer cap in the middle of the road on E. Ninth Street near Kentucky Avenue and asked if the city would have some budget issues because not all union contracts were settled.

George Brown, City Manager stated that it is not unusual for a municipality to budget for an increase in salaries but that the City of Monroe did not budget for wage increases for the current fiscal year and contracts settled so far do not include wage increases so retro activity is not an issue.

Dave Roberts, 706 Broadway, Wastewater Superintendent in Newport commented on the storm sewer and sewage system as it relates to flooding.

Joe Lavelline, 1523 Dixie Drive commented on the infrastructure needs, the city's spending priorities and his new assessment. He also asked if someone could give him a time period used to calculate the inflation rate and if it was a state number or a local number.

Paula Smith, Property Appraiser, City of Monroe stated that the State of Michigan sets the Consumer Price Index. She further stated that normally when we set an assessment the city uses a two year sales study but that this year we used a fifteen month study to stay as close to the market as possible.

Linda Compora, 411 Bentley Drive commented on the Multi-Sports Complex debt and requested information on how much the City pays to subsidize the Ice Arena in additional operating expenses and she also commented on the infrastructure.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilwoman Conner that the meeting adjourn at 9:22 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Charles D. Evans  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Mark G. Worrell  
Mayor