

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Council Members Paisley and McGhee

Charles Evans, City Clerk gave the invocation.

Mayor Worrell led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentations.

Presentation by Molly Luempert-Coy, DTE Energy – Monroe Power Plant Emissions Control Update.

Bill Terrasi, Director, Enterprise Project Management, presented historic, current and future production and reduction of emissions information at Monroe DTE Energy Power Plant.

Rob Stoiber, Plant Manager Fossil Generation, explained the environmental changes and efforts that have taken place and the benefits as a result of the changes.

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, April 6, 2009, the Minutes from the Special meeting held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, the Minutes from the Special Meeting held on April 20, 2009, and the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2009.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$449,386.93.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

89 Service Proposal – South Custer Booster Station Service Area Upgrades.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on a proposal for upgrades required on the South Custer Booster Station (SCBS), and recommending that the proposal to perform survey and design engineering services for the first phase of the SCBS Service Area upgrades in the amount of \$28,500.00 be awarded to Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. In accordance with their proposal dated April 13, 2009.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

90 Clarifier #3 Dome Roof Crack Repair Bid.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the Clarifier #3 Dome Roof Crack Repair and Recoating Project at the Water Treatment Plant and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$24,413.00 for the Clarifier #3 Dome Roof Crack Repair and Recoating project at the Water Treatment Plant be issued to Ohio Building Restoration, Inc of Toledo, Ohio in accordance with the bid specifications.

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

91 Appointments.

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.

92 Demolition Bid – 1011 Franklin Street.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back bids received for the demolition of a property located at 1011 Franklin Street and recommending that the award be made to Earth Works Excavating at a total cost of \$5,000.00.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

93 Demolition Bid – 325 Kentucky Avenue.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back bids received for the demolition of a property located at 325 Kentucky Avenue and recommending that the award be made to Erie Demolition & Salvage at a total cost of \$7,800.00.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

94 Purchase of 2009 Ford F-250 4x4 Pick-up Truck for Wastewater Treatment Plant.

1. Communication from the Department of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a request to replace a fleet vehicle used and leased by the Wastewater Department and recommending that Council authorize the purchase of a 2009 Ford F-250 4x4 Pick-up Truck from Gorno Ford of Woodhaven, Michigan, in the amount of \$22,939.00.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Molenda that items, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94 be approved as indicated.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Worrell commented on the St. Mary's Catholic Central ground breaking ceremony, the Lt. Matt Urban Monument dedication, and the current construction projects, their locations and completion status.

Pat Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services, commented on construction project issues.

Council Comments.

Councilwoman Conner commented on funding through the United Way to help with foreclosures, the Earth Day success, Orchard East clean up day on Saturday May 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. and that the CEWQ, Commission on Environment and Water Quality, will meet on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room.

Councilman Beneteau commented on the emails he's received about the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex and asked that the City Manager respond to that issue and to set up a presentation by the Monroe County Ambulance Authority, (MCA) at the next council meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Councilman Clark commented on demolitions, Habitat for Humanity projects, and calls he's received from citizens.

Mayor Worrell commented on a certificate received from the AFL-CIO/United Way Easter Egg Hunt and the meeting he attended, Michigan Association of Mayors, in Lansing and a meeting with Governor Granholm.

#### City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager stated that in regards to the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, he has researched the previous task force work from 2005, that he has shared some of that research with council, and said there has been a standing Multi-Sports Advisory Group but it has not been kept active. He stated that the groups represented in the advisory group will be contacted to see who they want to represent their interests. He further stated that Canlan Management is interested in participating also.

Charles D. Evans, Clerk-Treasurer stated that the summer tax bill would be mailed out within the next two weeks.

#### Citizen's Comments.

Richard Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue, Member of the Environment Water Quality Commission, stated that on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Environmental Protection Agency along with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the US Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, will take a look at the confined disposal facility at Sterling State Park to see what capacity it has to hold dredging from the river so they can clean up five hot spots on the river that were contaminated. He continue to explain where the contamination came from and why it is still here and how it can be contained.

Dave Roberts, 706 Broadway commented on the dangers for pedestrians and drivers negligence to yield to pedestrians and asked if signage could be posted to alert drivers of pedestrian right-of-way.

John Timko, 1034 Bentley Drive commented on the dust at Munson Park from the drive and ask if something could be done about it.

Derek Whitaker, IAFF Local 326 President commented on layoff notices and demotions given to Firefighters and labor negotiations.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on the Matt Urban Memorial, and that Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer.

Jeannie Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue commented on the Friends of Battlefield Annual Michigan Week open house on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. She cited some of the events that will be taking place during the weekend.

Linda Compura, 411 Bentley Drive asked for a moment of silence for Monroe Police Officer, Gary Fortner who recently passed away. She also commented on and read an email document sent by Councilman Beneteau to the President of IAFF Local 326 during contract negotiations addressing the Firefighters signage around the city. She further commented on the subsequent email sent by Councilman Beneteau and the Counter Offer of the City of Monroe, dated April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 that had been scanned and posted to the Monroe Talks blog site of the Monroe Evening News. She continued by referencing the City Charter, Section 51.

Thomas Ready, Attorney explained City Charter, Section 51 and the sub section referred to by Ms. Compura. He further stated that the contents of the email from Councilman Beneteau to Mr. Whitaker regarding the removal of signage, was a request, not an order. He continued that any citizen, member of the Fire Department, member of council or anyone else has the right of free speech and free discourse.

Councilman Beneteau stated that he sent an email to Mr. Whitaker in an effort to express his thoughts that the signs have a negative affect on the economy and that he and Mr. Whitaker exchanged amicable emails. He continued that Mr. Green, Labor Attorney, was aware of the email correspondence. He further stated that he had received three calls from taxpayers asking for a copy of the counter proposal and that he did not post it to the blog on Monroe Talks.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilwoman Conner and seconded by Councilman Molenda that the meeting adjourn at 8:48 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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