

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Council Member Paisley

Charles D. Evans, City Clerk gave the invocation.

The Eagle Scouts led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Proclamations.

154 Eagle Scout Kenneth H. Meyerholtz III Day - July 19, 2009

155 Eagle Scout Collin Richard Keehn Day - July 19, 2009

Presentations.

Presentation by Andrea Jones, Main Street Manager, of the recently published Downtown Monroe Handbook.

Charles D. Evans, Clerk Treasurer announced that Monroe Area Soccer Association donated \$560 to the City of Monroe to be used for the Recreation Department and Department of Public Services.

Public Hearings.

133 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 09-010, an ordinance to amend §383-4, A, §383-5, B, §383-6, E, and §383-7, of Chapter 383, Historic Districts, of the Code of the City of Monroe. 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

133 It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Clark that Proposed Ordinance No. 09-010, an ordinance to amend §383-4, A, §383-5, B, §383-6, E, and §383-7, of Chapter 383, Historic Districts, of the Code of the City of Monroe be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 09-010 was then presented for the second time, after which the Mayor asked, "Shall this ordinance pass?"

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 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, July 6, 2009.

- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,510,292.60.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

Charles D. Evans, Clerk Treasurer announced that item 166 of the consent agenda has been amended.

156 Wastewater Department Collection System Annual Root Treatment Program

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a quote for the annual tree root chemical treatment program on the sanitary sewer collection system, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$28,890.16 for tree root chemical treatment of Section 3 be issued to Duke's Root Control, Inc.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

157 Water Department Distribution Service Truck Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received to replace the existing Water Department Distribution Service Truck, and recommending that a purchase order be issued to Avis Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$52,095.00 for the purchase of the Water Department Distribution Service Truck in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

158 Water Treatment Plant – SCADA System Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater, reporting back on bids for the Water Treatment Plant Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$49,666.00 be awarded to Dillin Control Systems Corporation for the Water Treatment Plant SCADA system as part of the overall Water Treatment Plant Automation project in accordance with the bid specification.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

159 Wastewater Collection System Pump Stations Communication Upgrade Bids.

1. Communication from the Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids for professional services from qualified SCADA system integrators to upgrade the communications of the existing 35 pump station SCADA monitoring system for the Monroe Metropolitan Wastewater System, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$109,000.00 for professional services to upgrade the communications of the existing 35 pump station SCADA monitoring system for the Monroe Metropolitan Wastewater System be awarded to Kamp / Synergy, LLC according to their proposal dated July 1, 2009.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

160 Water Department Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Cross Connection Inspection Program Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids for consulting services to assist with the implementation of the City's Annual Cross-Connection Control / Backflow Prevention Program, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$12,600.00 for consulting services to assist with the implementation of the City's Annual Cross-

- Connection Control / Backflow Prevention Program be awarded to Hydro Designs, Inc., in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 161 Ambulance Service Fee Increase.
1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting the revised fee reimbursement schedule for ambulance fees charged by the City of Monroe, and recommending that Council approve the recommended ambulance service fee schedule to be effective August 1, 2009.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and that the recommendation be carried out.
- 162 2010 General Fund Budget Amendment.
1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting an amendment to the 2010 General Fund Budget, and recommending that Council approve an amendment to the 2010 General Fund budget as recommend by the Finance Director.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 163 Water Distribution System Improvements – Phase 2 Financing Bond Authorizing Resolution.
1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a Bond Authorizing Resolution for the Wastewater Distribution System Improvements, and recommending that Council approve the attached bond authorizing resolution related to the 2009 Capital Improvement Bonds.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 164 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 22, 2009 and to close S. Macomb Street between Third and Fourth Streets from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and recommending that Council approve the request **as amended**, 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 the recommendation be carried out.
- 165 West Eighth Street Block Party.
1. Communication from the City Managers Office, reporting back on a request from Emily Dicarlo for permission to hold a graduation block party on 7/25/09 and to close West Eighth Street between Roessler and Union Streets from 2:00p.m. – 10:30 p.m., and recommending that Council approve the request as **modified**, 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 the recommendation be carried out.

166 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.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Clark that items 157, 158, 159, 160, 162, 163, 164 and 165 be approved as indicated and that item A, 156, 161 and 166 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

A Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2009.

Tom Ready, City Attorney explained that he noticed his name in the July 6, 2009 minutes and that he was not in attendance at that meeting but that Kenneth J. Laurain, Attorney from the office of Ready, Heller and Ready, attended in his place.

Charles D. Evans, Clerk Treasurer stated that the change will be made as a correction of a typo and that a motion is not necessary.

156 The communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities was presented, submitting a quote for the annual tree root chemical treatment program on the sanitary sewer collection system, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$28,890.16 for tree root chemical treatment of Section 3 be issued to Duke's Root Control, Inc.

Councilwoman Conner stated that it appears this project was not advertised through the bid process.

Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities indicated that Duke's Root Control, Inc is the only commercial applicator licensed by Sewer Services, Inc to apply RAZOROOTER II in the State of Michigan and that they are the sole source to purchase the material from.

It was moved by Councilman Conner and seconded by Councilman McGhee that item 156 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

161 The communication from the Finance Director was presented, submitting the revised fee reimbursement schedule for ambulance fees charged by the City of Monroe, and recommending that Council approve the recommended ambulance service fee schedule to be effective August 1, 2009.

Councilman Clark asked how the fee reimbursement will work with other insurances aside from Blue Cross Blue Shield, BCBS, and why this is the standard that is going to be used.

George Brown, City Manager stated that the City has traditionally used BCBS reimbursement rates as a benchmark for charges, as their accepted participatory rates and that is the rate that would be charged to everyone.

Ed Sell, Finance Director stated that the new rate is set at \$400 primarily because it allows the City to recapture the full BCBS reimbursement. He also stated that the process for someone who does not have insurance is that they will be billed and if they are unable to pay it will ultimately go to collections and may ultimately be written off.

Patrick McElligott, 813 Reisig Street asked what percentage of services has not been billed and what percentage has been uncollected.

Ed Sell, Finance Director explained how the contract with each individual insurance company differs in collection amount and write-off amount and write-offs from people who just can not pay. He continued by saying that the City collects about 60% of what is billed.

Derek Whitaker, IFF Local 326 President explained the process for various levels of response calls and that the billed amount is determined by the level of service provided.

It was moved by Councilman Molenda and seconded by Councilman Beneteau that item 161 be postponed until more information can be provided.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 (Councilman Clark)

Motion carried.

166 The communication from the Mayor's Office was presented, submitting a proposed resolution for appointments to various City boards and Commissions, and recommending the proposed Resolution be adopted.

Charles D. Evans explained that the appointments resolution was amended to add Cheryl Miller to the Recreation Advisory Commission.

Patrick McElligott, 813 Reisig Street asked what the process is to be appointed to a committee.

Mayor Worrell explained that an application would be submitted to him at which time he would review it and submit it to Council. He continued that after Council approves the applicant, he then makes the appointment. He also explained that applications can be obtained at the Mayor/Manager's Office.

It was moved by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Beneteau that item 166 be accepted, placed on file and the resolution be adopted.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Councilman Clark commented on the last work session bridge issues, bond issues and the news article and editorial in the Monroe Evening News written in response to the work session topics.

Councilman McGhee reminded everyone about the Gus Macker Tournament at the Monroe Multi Sports Complex on August 1st & 2nd and to contact Cherie at 734-777-2404 if you are interested in participating.

Councilman Beneteau commented on the meeting with Canlan Sports at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex.

Citizens Comments.

Dennis Polczyncki, 712 Toledo Avenue commented on the editorial and his article on "Load Limits" published in the Monroe Evening New and explained his concern with the plans for rebuilding of the bridges.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services gave the locations of the local truck routes and cited some potential problems to the pavement under the weight of trucks on the bridges and roadways.

Derek Whitaker, IFF Local 326 President introduced Rod Merritt from the Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA.

Rod Merritt, MDA explained that the Monroe Firefighters and the MDA have a long standing relationship because of the fundraising that the firefighters have done for years and asked that the Firefighters be allowed to do street solicitation for the MDA.

Mayor Worrell asked that a letter of request be submitted to Mayor and Council through his office.

George Brown, City Manager stated that after discussion and advice from people who are responsible for public safety and traffic division, he asked that the Clerk start making it clear that our approval at the intersections does not approve standing in the roadways or traffic areas.

Chief Michrina stated that, by ordinance, solicitors can not be in the streets if sidewalks are provided and that the police department will enforce the ordinance. He further stated that if Council does not take action now to approve the request, then the firefighters can not be in the streets.

Patrick McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on an article in the Monroe Evening News about the City of Monroe and the County of Monroe teaming up for a Domestic Violence Program. He asked what type of City property and/or service has been given to the agency and what the cost is to the taxpayers.

Chief Michrina stated that the resources being offered to Family Counseling and Shelter Services is an empty office at the police station with the computer equipment that was in the office and a couple of phones. He further stated that there are no out of pocket expenses for the space and equipment was existing but was not in use at present. He continued that the cost to the city is negligible but the increase in service to the residents is incredible.

Kenny Brooks, 512 W. Eighth Street commented on the article in the paper regarding the millage rate increase. He also commented about the Fire Department's contract settlement and three firefighter layoffs and The Dog Pound, hot dog vendor denial.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilman Molenda and seconded by Councilman Clark that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk

Mark G. Worrell
Mayor