

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Hensley, Paisley, Bica, Molenda, Conner, Beneteau and Mayor Clark.

Sharon C. Malotky, Deputy City Clerk gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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, January 4, 2010, the Minutes of Special Meeting held on January 11, 2010 and the Minutes of the Joint Work Session held on Monday, January 11, 2010.
  - B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$690,386.90.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.
- 3 Establishment of a Mayor Pro Tem Resolution.
- 1. Communication from the Mayor's Office, submitting a proposed resolution to designate City Council Member Jeremy J. Molenda to serve as Mayor Pro Tem during the Mayor's absence, and recommending that Council adopt the proposed resolution.
  - 2. Supporting documents.
  - 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 4 Custer Street Water Main – Consultant Inspection Contract Extension.
- 1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a contract extension for the Custer Street Water Main Consultant Inspection contract, and recommending that Council award an additional contract to David Arthur Consultants, Inc., for inspection services on the Custer Street Water Main project up to \$10,000, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute any necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe.
  - 2. Supporting documents.
  - 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 5 City Policies and Procedures – Retirement Benefits.
- 1. Communication from the Director of Human Resources, submitting a policy to designate the retirement benefits that are made available for all regular full-time non-union employees and Appointed and Elected Officials of the City of Monroe, and recommending that Council approve the attached policy and direct City administration to proceed with the implementation.
  - 2. Supporting documents.
  - 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

- 6 Chief of Police Retiree Healthcare Benefit.
  1. Communication from the Director of Human Resources, reporting back on the clarification and confirmation of the healthcare benefit pertaining to Chief Michrina's appointment as Chief of Police, and recommending that Council approve confirmation that Chief Michrina will be eligible to receive the same retirement healthcare benefit that is in place for Monroe Police Command Officers at the time he elects to retire.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
  
- 7 AT&T Above-Ground Utility Structure – Request for Permit Approval – Location #27.
  1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a request for approval of AT&T Above Ground Utility Structure Location #27, in the east terrace of Adams Street approximately 200 feet south of West Third Street, and recommending that the cabinet at location #27 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.
  
- 8 St. Michael's We Care Banner Request.
  1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from St. Michael's We Care for permission to display a banner across West First Street from February 1-22, 2010, announcing the annual telethon, and recommending that the request be approved.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
  
- 9 United Way of Monroe County Banner Request.
  1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the United Way of Monroe County for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from October 11 – November 8, 2010, announcing their annual campaign, and recommending that the request be approved.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
  
- 10 Transfer Stock in a 2009 Class C Licensed Business with Dance-Entertainment Permit.
  1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on the previously approved request from Fresca, Inc. for stock in a 2009 Class C licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit located at 391 N. Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI, and submitting a second request to approve the amended resolution that now includes the applicants name, Fresca, Inc, and recommending that Council approve the amended request.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

11 Commemoration of the Battles of the River Raisin Annual Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield for permission to hold the annual Commemoration of the Battles of the River Raisin on January 23, 2010, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to costs recovery & fee waivers in accordance with City Council adopted policy, insurance requirements being met, parade permit, 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.

12 Appointments – Proposed Resolution.

1. Communication from the Mayor's Office, submitting a proposed resolution for appointments to various City Boards and commissions, and recommending that the proposed Resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

13 North Dixie Highway Resurfacing – Contract Approval.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a funding contract for the resurfacing of North Dixie Highway, and recommending that the attached funding contract in the amount of \$6,000 with the Monroe County Road Commission be approved, and that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute it on behalf of the City, and further recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$4,000 be issued to the Mannik and Smith Group to cover design engineering costs incurred as a part of this project, and further recommending that the Finance Director be authorized to advance funding from the Major Street Fund Balance if necessary to fulfill our obligations under these agreements prior to the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2010, should the project schedule require.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

14 Collection System Repairs – Wastewater Department.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a request in accordance with the Master Agreement of 2001 for the emergency repairs to the Monroe Metropolitan Water Pollution Control System, and recommending that Council confirm the administrative decision to perform the emergency repairs to the collection system by using the on-site contractor while complying with the Master Agreement of 2001 for the Metropolitan Water Pollution Control System and to reimburse Frenchtown Charter Township for the repair costs in the amount of \$5,382.32.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Councilman Molenda and seconded by Councilman Hensley that agenda item 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 be approved as indicated.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

### Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark explained that at the last Council Meeting, in his error, he did not ask for public comments and said that public comments will be accepted at every meeting in the future. He further explained that due to his misunderstanding of the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem, the procedure was not conducted as previously conducted, but that this evenings Council Agenda does have the appointment for Mayor Pro-Tem. He continued that it is important for any clarifications to be made as they come up and that he intends to do so from meeting to meeting.

He commented on the joint City Council and Citizens Planning Commission CIP Budget Work Session on January 11, 2010 and the review of Council's goals and objectives. He reminded everyone about the "Dance through Time Benefit" on Friday, January 22, 2010 in the La-Z-Boy Centre – Meyer Theater to benefit the War of 1812 Bicentennial Steering Committee. He explained that the advanced ticket price is \$25.00 and at the door the price will be \$30.00.

### Council Comments.

Councilman Paisley commented on three of the consent agenda items.

Councilman Bica commented on the garden class sponsored by the Monroe Recreation Department to be held on February 3, 2010 and said to call (734)384-9156 to sign up and for more information.

Councilman Molenda stated that he would like to hear about the upcoming events being held at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex on a regular basis, and asked for more contributions to the MDA event that he is participating in, by going to jail for "Jerry's Kids". He further explained how to donate online, by using the following website, [www.joinmda.org/monroelockup2010/jeremymolenda](http://www.joinmda.org/monroelockup2010/jeremymolenda) .

Councilwoman Conner asked that donations can also be made in her name by using her name, Mary Conner, at the end of the website that Councilman Molenda just cited and thanked the people who have already responded and donated funding for the cause. She commented on the article in the paper regarding the Monroe County Road Commission Union members, that they are taking unpaid days off and giving up some benefits to avoid the layoff of two positions, and said she is hopeful that the City will consider that also. She recognized those in attendance who are being appointed to the Boards and Commissions on the evening's agenda.

Mayor Clark said that there are still appointments available on some of the Boards and to apply at the Mayor/Managers Office and to speak with Pat Weaver, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and Manager.

Councilman Beneteau pointed out that the Health Care Committee that he was reappointed to has not met in over two years and some of the City Unions have asked to have the Health Care Committee meet again, because they may have some cost saving ideas to present.

Mayor Clark acknowledged that some of the Boards and Commissions are not meeting on a regular basis and that he intends to assess the issue.

### City Manager Communication.

George Brown, City Manager commented on the subject of fire arms discharge and hunting in the area east of I-75 and Sterling State Park area. He further commented on the current Ordinance that addresses the issues and that through research of conflict within recreational properties, it has brought about contact with representatives from the

Department of Natural Resources, DNR. The DNR has offered to come to a Council Work Session and meet with City Council to discuss concern and questions, their practices, and also to stay on into a Regular Council Meeting to address the public and answer their questions as well.

Citizen's Comments.

Richard Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue commented on the Bicentennial Era, 2010-2013 of the War of 1812, and said there will be some events at the Battlefield on the weekend of January 23. He also commented on the "Dance through Time" benefit this weekend. He also commented on some of the activities that will be coming to Monroe that are planned by the Monroe Steering Committee.

Andrew Smith, 211 St. Anne Lane thanked Mayor and Council for reappointing him to another term on the Citizens Planning Commission and pointed out that the position of Constable needs to be filled and he is willing. He said that he would like to see a committee formed to look at and revise or update the Charter.

Steve Swartz, 552 Rambo Drive NAFA Insurance Company invited the citizens to an event at Schottenheimer's Rathskellar on Telegraph on February 3, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Charlie Sanders, a Hall of Famer for the Detroit Lions will be there to do a Silent Auction, of which every dollar raised will go to benefit scholarships for students in Monroe County who are pursuing a college education. He further stated that tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door and with the purchase of a ticket Charlie Sanders will provide an autograph. He also said there will be other items that can be purchased to upgrade the autograph. Advance tickets can be purchased at Lamour Printing, Schottenheimer's, or by calling NAFA Insurance Company at (734)241-2811 or by calling Dave Brown at Farm Bureau Insurance at (734)384-7000.

Mayor Clark commented on the Dr. Martin Luther King national holiday and suggested that we all take the opportunity to reflect and pause and take a look at ourselves and others and come to an understanding of equality and fairness for all people.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilwoman Conner and seconded by Councilman Beneteau that the meeting adjourn at 7:57 p.m. until the regular meeting on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Sharon C. Malotky  
Deputy City Clerk

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor