

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Council Member Paisley.

Rosalind Boswell, City Clerk Secretary gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Clark asked for a moment of silence for Army Sgt. Michael Ingram Jr. who was killed in action in Afghanistan on April 17th, 2010 and for all of the service people here and abroad who are serving our country.

Proclamations.

87 Motorcycle Awareness Month – May, 2010.

Mayor Clark Presented a proclamation for motorcycle safety to Michael Yensch.

88 National Nurses Week – May 6-12, 2010.

Mayor Clark stated that the proclamation will be presented at a special event later.

89 Founders Day – May 8, 2010.

Mayor Clark presented a proclamation to Linda Tarjeft, Sawyer Homestead Board President.

Public Hearings.

72 This being the date set for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 10-004, an ordinance to amend Sections 570-26, 570-84, and 570-85 of Chapter 570, Sewers, Part 2, of the Code of Monroe, MI., and 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.

90 This being the date set for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comments on the FY 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget Amendment, and 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.

91 This being the date set for the purpose of reviewing and hearing comments on the Annual Action Plan FY 2010-2011 of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and 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.

72 It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Molenda that Proposed Ordinance No.10-004, an ordinance to amend Sections 570-26, 570-84, and 570-85 of Chapter 570, Sewers, Part 2, of the Code of Monroe, MI, be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 10-004, 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 Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2010.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$581,565.17.

Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

Rosalind Boswell, Clerk's Office Secretary stated that at the City Manager's request, item number 92 will be pulled from the consent agenda.

90 Amendment to FY 2009 Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant. (CDBG)

1. Communication from the Interim Director of Planning & Recreation, submitting a proposed amendment to the FY 2009 CDBG budget that comes from receiving more funds (\$541,000) than was originally anticipated (\$518,000), and recommending that upon completion of the public hearing, the amended FY 2009 Annual Action Plan budget be accepted and the Planning Department be allowed to carry out the activities described therein.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

91 FY 2010 Community Development Block Grant Annual action Plan.

1. Communication from the Interim Director of Planning & Recreation, submitting the Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010 as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and recommending that a public hearing on the attached Annual Action Plan be scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2010 in the City Council Chambers at the Regular Council Meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

92 This item was pulled from the agenda.

93 Demolition Bid – 1031 E. Elm Avenue.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 1031 E. Elm Avenue, and recommending that the award be made to McBee Trucking for a total cost of \$14,394, and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer 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.

94 Request of a New SDM License Request – 1560 E. Elm Avenue.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Moody River Ventures, LLC (William J. Gross), for a new SDM license to be located at 1560 E. Elm Avenue, Monroe, and recommending that Council not approve or endorse this request until payment of personal property taxes, subject to all police, fire, building code and zoning reviews and that the City Manager be authorized to approve the request after all delinquent taxes are paid and a final inspection by the Building Department has occurred.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

95 Request of a New Resort SDD License Request – 906 W. Front Street.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Riverside Mini Mart, LLC, and (Bruce Spinale), for a new resort SDD license to be issued in conjunction with an existing 2009 SDM license located at 906 W. Front Street, Monroe, and recommending that Council not approve or endorse this request until payment of personal property taxes, subject to all police, fire, building code and zoning reviews and that the City Manager be authorized to approve the request after all delinquent taxes are paid and a final inspection by the Building Department has occurred.
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 item 92 be pulled from the agenda and that items, 90, 91, 93, 94 and 95 be approved as indicated.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Beneteau and seconded by Councilman Molenda that item 92 be postponed at the request of the City Manager.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark reminded everyone that Saturday, May 8th is Founder's Day from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Sawyer Homestead and thanked everyone who was in attendance and support during the procession for Sgt. Michael Ingram Jr.

Council Comments.

Councilwoman Conner added that during the Founder's Day event at the Sawyer Homestead there will be a flower sale from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and an attic sale from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. She also added that there will be an open house on that same day at the Battle Field Museum from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. She further added that on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 p.m., she will host a Town Hall Meeting at the River Park Plaza, 20 N. Roessler Street.

Councilman Bica said that the downtown streets will be closed for a movie shoot beginning Tuesday, May 4th, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. through Wednesday, May 5th, 2010 at 6:00 a.m.

City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager commented on street and water main projects and the restoration after the project is completed. He urged those residents who have an issue with the restoration to contact the Engineering Department at 384-9126.

Citizen's Comments.

Jackie McGhee, 431 Clark Street said that the Orchard East CDC, the ALCC and MCOP will be hosting the annual clean-up on Saturday, May 15th, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. She said to contact Tracy Palm at the ALCC at (734)241-4313 or the CDC Secretary, Lynn, at (734)497-6438 for more information.

Adam Yeager, 1833 S. Custer commented on the Arizona immigration law for illegal immigrants.

Ronald Niesz, 938 Waterloo Avenue commented on the weeds and grass ordinance and asked how to have the process of notifying the property owner changed.

George Brown, City Manager explained when and why the ordinance was changed.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on closing of the east side fire station, the Economic Development Director, the recording of liens and blight, and the problems with graffiti.

Mayor Clark said that there is conversation between the Clerk-Treasurer and the Administration regarding the recording of liens and blight.

George Brown, City Manager explained the process of how the service is invoiced and recorded.

Dave Roberts, 706 Broadway commented on the funeral procession for Sgt. Michael Ingram Jr.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Councilwoman Conner and seconded by Councilman Hensley that meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor