

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Charles D. Evans, City Clerk-Treasurer gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Proclamation.

218 United Way of Monroe County Month – October 2010.

Mayor Clark presented the Proclamation to Connie Carrol and Mike Smith on behalf of United Way of Monroe County and this year's campaign, "Give, Advocate, Volunteer, Live United."

Mike Smith thanked Mayor and Council for their commitment to the community.

Connie Carrol thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

Council Action.

219 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that the communication from the Finance Director, submitting Proposed Ordinance No. 10-006, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 114, Purchasing and Contracts, of the Code of the City of Monroe, be placed on its first reading and the public hearing be set for Monday, October 18, 2010.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 10-006, was then presented for its first time and laid over for its second reading and the public hearing be set for Monday, October 18, 2010.

Patrick Lewis, Department of Engineering & Public Services gave an overall informational update on the 2010-11 Engineering Department Infrastructure Projects.

Council Member Conner stated that there are a few issues about item 219 that she is not in agreement with.

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, September 20, 2010.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$995,537.12.

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

220 Equalizer Building Department Net Software Upgrade Contract.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting a proposal from BS&A Software for the purchase of the Equalizer software upgrade, and recommending that Council approve the proposal (see attached) from BS&A Software for the purchase of the Building Department Net version of their Equalizer software in the amount of \$10,160, and further recommending that the City Manager be authorized to sign the proposal on the city's behalf.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

221 Winchester Street Water Main Line Stop Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the Winchester Street Water Main Line Stop, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$7,250 for the Winchester Street Water Main Line Stop be issued to Rangeline Tapping Services, Inc in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

222 Professional Services for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Cross Connection Inspection Program Proposals.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on proposals for professional services for the fiscal year 2010-11 Cross Connection Inspection Program, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$13,992 for professional 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 their proposal dated September 20, 2010, and further recommending that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

223 Addition of 10% Interest to Unpaid Special Assessments.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution authorizing the addition of 10% interest to all delinquent special assessments and then be reassessed and added onto the winter tax bill, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

224 Collection of Delinquent Summer Taxes and other Delinquent Charges.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution authorizing the addition of a 5% penalty to all delinquent taxes and assessments and then be collected on the winter tax bill, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

225 VenTower Water Main Inspection Professional Services Award.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a request for a service agreement for VenTower Water Main Inspection professional services, and recommending that Council authorize professional inspection services for Johnson & Anderson in the amount of up to \$8,400, to be

billed to VenTower Industries LLC, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute any necessary agreements on behalf of the City of Monroe.

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

226 Navarre Library Mechanical System Upgrades Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the Navarre Library mechanical system upgrades, and recommending that Council award a contract for the Mechanical Improvements for the Navarre Library to Sieb Plumbing & Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$16,488 (including base bid and alternate) and that a total of \$21,000 be encumbered to include a 27% project contingency, and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

227 2010-11 Water Main Replacement Program Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the 2010-11 Water Main Replacement Program, and recommending that Council award a contract for the 2010-11 Water Main Replacement Program, Group 1 to Salenbien Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$627,918.50 and that a total of \$725,000 be encumbered to include a 15% project contingency, and that Council award a contract for the 2010-11 Water Main Replacement program, Group 2 to C & D Hughes, Inc, in the amount of \$688,387, and that a total of \$792,000 be encumbered to include a 15% project contingency, and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

228 Woodland Chapel and Morris Mausoleum Restoration Project.

1. Communication from the Interim Director of Planning & Recreation, submitting a proposal for the Woodland Chapel and Morris Mausoleum Restoration Project, and recommending that the proposal from Ohio Building Restoration, Inc., (OBR) in the amount of \$25,767 be accepted by Council and that the contract be awarded to OBR, and further recommend that the Mayor or his designee be authorized to sign necessary documents related to the contract and that the Planning Office be designated Project Manager.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

229 Roof Modifications and Improvements for West Side Fire Station Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for Roof Modifications and Improvements for the West Side Fire Station construction, and recommending that Council award a contract for the Roof Modifications and Improvements for the West Side Fire Station project, including the base bid and Alternate #1 in the total amount of \$18,935 to M.W. Morss Roofing Inc., and that a total of \$22,000 be encumbered to include a 15% contingency, and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

230 City Hall Window Replacement and Masonry Restoration Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for City Hall Window Replacement and Masonry Restoration, and recommending that Council award a contract for the base bid with Alternate #1 for a total amount of \$173,200 to DRV Contractors, LLC., and that a total of \$200,000 be encumbered to include a 15% contingency, and further recommending that a contract for Alternate #2 be awarded to Omega Development in the amount of \$25,000 or Phoenix Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$27,000 should Omega refuse the award, and that a total of \$27,000 be encumbered, and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that items 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 229, and 230 be approved as indicated, and that items 227 and 228 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

227 The communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the 2010-11 Water Main Replacement Program, and recommending that Council award a contract for the 2010-11 Water Main Replacement Program, Group 1 to Salenbien Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$627,918.50 and that a total of \$725,000 be encumbered to include a 15% project contingency, and that Council award a contract for the 2010-11 Water Main Replacement program, Group 2 to C & D Hughes, Inc, in the amount of \$688,387, and that a total of \$792,000 be encumbered to include a 15% project contingency, and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the City of Monroe.

Council Member Molenda said that Council is being asked to approve a contract with a company that the city has had issues with before and asked if there are still unresolved issues with the contractor.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services updated Council on the issues that have been taken care of with previous projects.

Mayor Clark recalled some complaints from residents about unresolved issues.

George Brown, City Manager commented on the progress of current projects and staff time issues.

Council Member Beneteau asked that since the site restoration was bid at \$1, do we have a legal ability to retain more if the work isn't completed.

Thomas Ready, Attorney explained that we are not bound by line items as far as the bid is concerned and said if work is not completed we are entitled to retain a sufficient amount of fund to see that the work is completed.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Bica that item 227 be accepted and placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 (Council Member's Molenda & Conner)

Motion carried.

228 The communication from the Interim Director of Planning & Recreation, submitting a proposal for the Woodland Chapel and Morris Mausoleum Restoration Project, and recommending that the proposal from Ohio Building Restoration, Inc., (OBR) in the amount of \$25,767 be accepted by Council and that the contract be awarded

to OBR, and further recommend that the Mayor or his designee be authorized to sign necessary documents related to the contract and that the Planning Office be designated Project Manager.

Council Member Conner said she is delighted to know that a citizen is willing to invest money in the Woodland Chapel and Morris Mausoleum Restoration and would like to thank them, albeit they wish to remain anonymous.

It was moved by Council Member Conner and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 228 be accepted and placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### Council Comments.

Council Member Conner stated that there were 159 foreclosures in September in the city and asked Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities to tell the public about the grant we were just awarded.

Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities said that the city applied for the Great Lakes Restoration Grant which has no match for the Restoration of Fish Passage in the River Raisin. He gave a brief history about the problem that the dams create and explained the phases of the project.

Council Member Conner also announced Custer Week this week with carriage rides all week, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bed Race to aid children is on October 17, 2010.

Council Member Beneteau said that the carriage rides will be from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday this week and the boarding point is at the corner of Front & Monroe Street.

Council Member Hensley noted that as a city resident there is a free prescription discount card available through the City of Monroe in collaboration with the National League of Cities and added that on October 16, 2010 the Regional Merit Badge and Cub Scout Activity Day in downtown Monroe with a presentation at 1:00 p.m. in Loranger Square.

Council Member Paisley commented on Custer Week and the meetings that he attend in the past several weeks have validated to him that Council is moving in the right direction.

Council Member Bica commented on the recent Mason Run meeting that was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall and updated Council of the events of the meeting.

#### Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark gave announcements about the events for Custer Week and other events during the weekend. He reminded everyone about the election on November 2, 2010 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bed Race on October 17, 2010.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services announced that the distribution of leaf bags will begin on October 11, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday at the Engineering & Public Services Department at Monroe City Hall and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Monroe Police Department.

#### City Manager's Comments.

George Brown, City Manager announced that there will be 3 short term parking places on Macomb Street just south of the driveway that goes into the City Hall parking lot for those who are stopping to pick up leaf bags.

Citizens Comments.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on the sidewalk replacement program in his neighborhood and lack of concrete in his neighborhood streets, and also commented on the ballot proposals.

Adjournment

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Conner that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Charles D. Evans  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor