

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Proclamation.

244 "Homeless Awareness Week" – November 14 – 20, 2010.

Public Hearing.

232 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 10-007, an Ordinance to amend the City of Monroe's Planning/Zoning Code and Official Zoning Map, of the Code of the City of Monroe, and there being no persons present commenting and no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Council Action.

232 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that the communication from the Interim Director of Planning & Recreation, submitting Proposed Ordinance No. 10-007, an Ordinance to amend the City of Monroe's Planning/Zoning Code and Official Zoning Map, of the Code of the City of Monroe, be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 10-007, was then presented for the second time after which the Mayor asked, "Shall this ordinance pass?"

Ayes: 7 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, October 18, 2010.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,449,639.36.

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

245 Great Lakes Commission – Grant Agreement Acceptance.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Grant Agreement for the River Raisin Areas of Concern (AOC) 2011, and recommending that Council

accept the GLC Grant Agreement in the amount of \$16,500.00 and that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf for the City of Monroe.

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

246 Water Filtration Plant Pump Room Window Replacement Change Order.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a Change Order to the City Hall Window Replacement and Masonry Restoration, Alternate 2, Water Filtration Plant pump room window replacement, and recommending that Council award a Change Order for Alternate #2 to the City Hall Window Replacement and Masonry Restoration contract in the amount of \$29,000 to DRV Contractors, LLC, that a total of \$32,000 be encumbered to include a small contingency, and that the Director of Engineering and Public Services be authorized to execute the change order on behalf of the City.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

247 Collection of Personal Property Taxes.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer submitting a proposed resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to collect delinquent personal property taxes, using all means necessary, and recommending that the attached resolution authorizing the use of Small Claims Court in the process of collecting delinquent personal property taxes be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

248 2010 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program – Change Order for Additional Work Locations.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a Change Order to the 2010 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program to add additional work locations, and recommending that Council award the change order to the above contract to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc, in the amount of \$424,273.60, that a total of \$490,000 be encumbered to include a 15% contingency, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to sign the change order on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

249 Wastewater Department Centrifuge Variable Frequency Drive Replacement Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the replacement of both Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Centrifuge Variable Frequency Drives (VFD), and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$45,203 be awarded to Romanoff Electric Company, LLC out of Toledo, OH for the replacement of both WWTP and Centrifuge VFDs as part of the fiscal year 2010-2011 CIP project in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

250 Water Treatment Plant 1000KVA Transformer Replacement Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Transformers, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$53,731 be awarded to Transformer Inspection Retrofill out of Royal Oak, MI for the replacement of one of the WTP Transformers and installation of a temporary transformer (if needed) in accordance with the bid specifications.

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

251 Natural Gas Supplier for City Facilities.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting an agreement with Lakeshore Energy to provide natural gas for heating and hot water to all City of Monroe facilities, and recommending that Council approve entering into the attached agreement with Lakeshore Energy to provide natural gas to all City of Monroe facilities where the City is paying the natural gas service cost.
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 Beneteau that items 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, and 250 be approved as indicated, and that item 251 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

251 The communication from the Finance Director was presented, submitting an agreement with Lakeshore Energy to provide natural gas for heating and hot water to all City of Monroe facilities, and recommending that Council approve entering into the attached agreement with Lakeshore Energy to provide natural gas to all City of Monroe facilities where the City is paying the natural gas service cost.

Council Member Molenda expressed concern about the program terms in part four (4) of the agreement with Lakeshore Energy.

Thomas Ready, City Attorney explained the terms listed in part four (4) of the Lakeshore Energy Agreement.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Bica that item 251 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on Election Day and asked that everyone take the opportunity to cast their vote.

Council Comments.

Council Member Conner announced that in the month of October there were 155 foreclosures, twelve (12) sales and eight (8) added to the list. She also urged everyone to get out and vote and said that the word 'vote' stands for the 'voice of those everywhere'.

Council Member Paisley commented on three popular sayings during his time in the armed service, the war of 1812 and the events surrounding the River Raisin Battlefield National Park. He thanked everyone for their support during the death of his father last week. He also urged everyone to get out and vote.

Council Member Molenda commented on being an informed voter.

Mayor Clark reminded everyone that there are two sides to the ballot. He gave his condolences to Council Member Paisley for the death of his father. He also commented on the River Raisin Battlefield National Park and the visitor's center at the site.

Citizens Comments.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on advertising and campaigning during the election process and the different viewpoints on the ballot proposals. He also commented on deceptive advertising, transparency and checks and balances during advertising.

Adjournment

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Paisley that the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor