

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Council Member Paisley

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

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Presentations.

Presentation by Mayor Clark regarding the Monroe Area Soccer Association.

Presentation by William Brickey & Marie Stiegel, Plant Moran, of the 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit.

Proclamation.

252 "Native American Heritage Month" – November 2010.

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 Special Meeting held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 1, 2010.
- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,107,968.94.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

253 Demolition Bid – 118 Almyra Avenue.

- 1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 118 Almyra Avenue, and recommending that the award be made to Earth Works Excavating in the amount of \$6,999, and that a total of \$11,999 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$5,000 for the abatement of asbestos if identified, and further recommending that the Mayor or 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.

254 Demolition Bid – 622 Fernwood Drive.

- 1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 622 Fernwood Drive, and recommending that Council award the contract to Earth Works Excavating in the amount of \$7,199 and that a total of \$12,199 be encumbered to include a

contingency of \$5,000 for the abatement of asbestos if identified, and further recommending that the Mayor or 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.

255 Traffic Committee Minutes and Traffic Control Order #167-008.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on October 27, 2010, and recommending that Council accept and place on file the minutes from the October 27, 2010 Mayor's Traffic Committee meeting, and approve Traffic Control Order 167-008.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

256 Appointments – Proposed Resolution

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

257 City Hall Tuck Pointing – Change Order.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a change order to the City Hall Window Replacement and Masonry restoration contract to DRV Contractors LLC, and recommending that Council award a Change Order to the above contract in the amount of \$54,580 for tuck pointing work on the entire City Hall building, and that a total of \$60,000 be encumbered to include a 10% contingency in case other similar minor items arise, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering and 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.

258 Multi-Sports Complex Management Agreement.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, reporting back on proposals received for the management of the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council approve entering into a five year agreement beginning January 1, 2011 with Rink Management Services Corporation in the amount of \$34,800.00 with an annual incentive equal to 20% of the operating income above the prior fiscal year's results.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

259 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement –Phase II Financing Bond Issue Resolution.

1. Communication from the Director of Finance, submitting a proposed resolution and contract for the financing of the phase II improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and recommending that Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolutions and referenced contract.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolutions be adopted.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Bica that items 253, and 257 be approved as indicated, and that item 254, 255, 256, 258 and 259 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

254 The communication from the Building Official was presented, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 622 Fernwood Drive, and recommending that Council award the contract to Earth Works Excavating in the amount of \$7,199 and that a total of \$12,199 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$5,000 for the abatement of asbestos if identified, and further recommending that the Mayor or Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe.

Council Member Conner explained that after reading through the background material for this property she found that this process was actually started seven (7) years ago and asked what has taken so long to.

Joe Lehman, Building Official explained that the owner of the property pulled permits at various times for different projects and that the property has also switched hands. He further explained that while trying to work with the owners to have the property brought up to code, it delayed the demolition of this property.

George Brown, City Manager explained that demolition costs are billed to the property owner and the placed on the property tax bill if the fee is not paid. He also explained that placing a lien on the property is one way to try and collect these funds to replenish the demolition fund availability.

It was moved by Council Member Conner and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 254 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

255 The communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services was presented, submitting the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on October 27, 2010, and recommending that Council accept and place on file the minutes from the October 27, 2010 Mayor's Traffic Committee meeting, and approve Traffic Control Order 167-008.

Adam Yeager, 1833 S. Custer Road commented about the speed limit on South Custer Road and asked if the Traffic Committee could do something about slowing the traffic from 45 mph to 35 mph, and make drivers use their headlights.

Mayor Clark explained that the Traffic Committee meets regularly and that Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services will address any concerns that he may have, but that this item tonight is regarding reverse angle parking on East Second Street and any comments on that issue will be taken.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 255 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

256 The communication from the Mayor's Office was presented, submitting a proposed resolution for appointments to various boards, commissions and committees, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.

Council Member Conner asked if any of the people who are being appointed to the various boards and commissions are in attendance at the Council Meeting tonight because she would like to meet them.

Mayor Clark recognized Mr. Willie Hall, recommended for the appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and also Mr. Matthew Budds, recommended for the appointment to the Ethics Committee. He invited them to the podium to be introduced.

It was moved by Council Member Conner and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 256 be accepted, placed on file and the resolution be adopted.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

258 The communication from the Finance Director was presented, reporting back on proposals received for the management of the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council approve entering into a five year agreement beginning January 1, 2011 with Rink Management Services Corporation in the amount of \$34,800.00 with an annual incentive equal to 20% of the operating income above the prior fiscal year's results.

Council Member Molenda pointed out that the current management team contract will expire at the end of the year and that he is in support of going with the new management company, Rink Management Services.

Mayor Clark thanked George Brown, City Manager, Ed Sell, Finance Director and Sue Wetzel, former Council Member and RAC Board member, for their part in the committee to interview the different management service companies and he also thanked Gary Wyse for his input of the questions given to the committee to be asked of the applicants during the interviews. He introduced Tom Hillgrove, President of Rink Management Services Corporation and John Monteleone, Regional Manager of Rink Management Services.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 258 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

259 The communication from the Director of Finance was presented, submitting a proposed resolution and contract for the financing of the phase II improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and recommending that Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolutions and referenced contract.

Adam Yeager, 1833 S. Custer Road commented on the monies that were transferred to a fund for a building along the river and asked if the money was ever transferred back to "we the people" or the water department.

George Brown, City Manager explained that the money Mr. Yeager referenced was intended to be a loan from the Water Department fund because state funding was expected to be held up, but that loan never happened because state funding was released without delay.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 259 be accepted, placed on file and the resolutions be adopted.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### Council Comments.

Council Member Conner said that the date and time of the Holiday Tree Lighting festivities is November 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with the lighting of the tree at 8:30 p.m.

Council Member Beneteau said that the report from Plant Moran was positive and he would like to thank the City Manager, Finance Director and all of the staff who helped to put the city in a positive financial position.

Council Member Bica said that the Orchard East Community Development Corporation Board will meet on Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Navarre Library and the board is urging citizens of the community to attend the meetings. He said that the meeting dates and times will be posted on the City of Monroe website.

Council Member Molenda commented on Council's goals & objectives and said he would like to review them on an annual basis. He also commented on the various board and commission members and said he would like to thank and recognize not only the new members but the current members who serve on the boards and commissions.

#### Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on Veteran's Day and thanked all Veterans for their service. He also commented on the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade in Downtown Monroe at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. He mentioned that there will be a National Day for Veterans on December 11<sup>th</sup> and mentioned the tentative Council Budget Work Session to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. He also commented on the complications and inconveniences as a result of road work being done throughout the city.

#### City Manager's Comments.

George Brown, City Manager said that the good audit report can also be attributed to the past few years' leadership by Mayor and Council, with resolve and direction given to city staff as far as their objectives and goals to stay ahead of the issues and crisis. He also said that a big contribution has been fewer city employees are providing a great deal of quality public services. He added that with all of the pats on the back, we are not out of the woods yet, and that we have another tough year or two ahead of us at minimum.

#### Citizens Comments.

Jeannie Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue spoke on history and preservation, announced that Founders Day is May 8<sup>th</sup> and that there will be an antique doll evaluation on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sawyer House.

Willie Hall, 415 Mason Run Blvd thanked Mayor and Council for his appointment and for their confidence in him.

#### Adjournment

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Charles D. Evans  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor