

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Public Hearings.

120 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 11-007, an Ordinance to adopt the 2009 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, 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.

120 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that Proposed Ordinance No. 11-007, an Ordinance to adopt the 2009 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Propose Ordinance No. 11-007 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 Special Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2011 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2011.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$771,606.96.

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

Andrea Jones, Monroe Downtown Development Authority Executive Director announced that the DDA Office has been relocated to the second floor of City Hall and that the new office hours are Tuesday & Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. She commented on different committees in which the DDA is looking to have volunteers participate and said more information can be found on those committees by going to their website at www.downtownmonroemi.com or by phone at (734)384-9172.

133 Water Department Neptune Radio Reading Device and Meter Purchase.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a request to purchase five hundred (500) Neptune R900 Wall Unit Radio Reading Devices, two hundred fifty (250) Neptune R900 Pit Unit Radio Reading Devices, one thousand (1000) 5/8"x3/4" Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, one hundred fifty (150) 5/8"x5/8" Straight Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, two hundred (200) 5/8"x3/4" Neptune E-Coder I Pit Water Meters, twenty-five (25) 1-1/2" Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, and ten (10) 2" Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, and recommending that several purchase orders be issued to Michigan Meter, Inc out of Madison Heights, MI based on the available space within our facilities totaling \$330,200.00 to provide the Water Department Neptune radio reading devices and meters.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

134 Traffic Committee Meeting.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on June 22, 2011, and recommending that Council accept and place on file the minutes from the June 22, 2011 Mayor's Traffic Committee meeting, and approve Traffic Control Orders 119-002 and 193-002, and further recommending that a public hearing be held at the July 18, 2011 City Council meeting on the potential closure of the Franklin Street railroad crossing at Kentucky Avenue.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

135 Water Department East Pump Room House Valve & Pipe Replacement Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the Water Treatment Plant East Pump Room House Valve and Pipe Replacement project, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$26,134.00 and a total amount of \$28,750.00 be encumbered to include a 10% contingency, be awarded to Erie Welding & Mechanical, Inc out of Erie, MI for the Water Treatment Plant East Pump Room House Valve and Pipe Replacement project as part of a budgeted fiscal year 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Program project in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

136 Wastewater Department North Monroe #1 & Stony Pointe #3 Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Electrical Service & Rehabilitation Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the North Monroe #1 & Stony Pointe #3 Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Electrical Service & Rehabilitation project, and recommending that a purchase order be awarded to Monroe Plumbing & Heating Company out of Monroe, MI in the amount of \$218,500.00 and that a total of \$240,350.00 be encumbered to include a 10% contingency for the North Monroe #1 & Stony Pointe #3 Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Electrical Service & Rehabilitation project in accordance with the bid specifications..
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

137 Installation of New Public Sanitary Sewer – South Roessler Street from West Seventh Street to the City Line – Special Assessment Resolution Number 1.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting Resolution No. 1 in the special assessment process declaring the installation of a new public sanitary sewer to service the properties located on South Roessler from West Seventh Street to the City line, and recommending that the attached Resolution No. 1 be adopted, which directs the Engineering Department to prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimates for this project.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

138 Appointments.

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. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

139 Detroit Edison Lighting Agreement – Lauer-Finzel Parking Lot.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services submitting an agreement with the Detroit Edison Company for installation and maintenance of lighting for the Lauer-Finzel Parking Lot, and recommending that the attached agreement with the Detroit Edison Company be approved, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute it on behalf of the City once the DDA Board has approved as well.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 133, 135, 136, 137 and 138 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 134 and 139 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

134 Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on June 22, 2011, and recommending that Council accept and place on file the minutes from the June 22, 2011 Mayor's Traffic Committee meeting, and approve Traffic Control Orders 119-002 and 193-002, and further recommending that a public hearing be held at the July 18, 2011 City Council meeting on the potential closure of the Franklin Street railroad crossing at Kentucky Avenue.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street expressed concern with the a comment in the letter from Derrick A. Mason, Manager, Norfolk Southern, which indicates that Norfolk Southern would make an incentive payment of \$10,000 to the City of Luna Pier if the Franklin Street railroad crossing was closed and said he thought that the money should go to the City of Monroe.

Mayor Clark said that is an error in the letter and that the \$10,000 is coming to the City of Monroe.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services gave a short review about the purpose of the Traffic Committee and the closing of the Franklin Street railroad crossing.

Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 134 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

139 Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services submitting an agreement with the Detroit Edison Company for installation and maintenance of lighting for the Lauer-Finzel Parking Lot, and recommending that the attached agreement with the Detroit Edison Company be approved, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute it on behalf of the City once the DDA Board has approved as well.

Council Member Hensley said that because he is employed by Detroit Edison he will abstain from any action related to this item due to a possible conflict of interest.

Tom Ready, City Attorney said that he agrees with Council Member Hensley.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 123 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Council Member Hensley)

Motion carried.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services gave a brief overview of the remaining 2011 City of Monroe Capital Improvements Projects as of July 5, 2011.

Council Comments.

Council Member Paisley commented on community perspective through the eyes of a long time local resident.

Council Member Bica announced that the ALCC is holding a "Queen of Hearts" raffle fundraiser every Friday evening at 9:00 p.m., and said tickets can be purchased at the ALCC or at Beek's Bar & Grill for \$1.

Council Member Conner commented on Christmas wreaths on the second story of a building at the corner of Monroe & Front Street and the red, white and blue ice cream give-a-way at Danny's Frozen Custard. She also said that senior citizens can purchase a pass to our National Park for \$10 and it will be valid for entry to all National Parks.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on his June 16th trip to Amherstburg Ontario, his meeting with Mayor Wayne Hurst and his meeting with the Mayor of Put-In-Bay, Judy Berry and said he would like to establish and support a Sister City relationship with the two cities. He explained the reason Danny's Frozen Custard was giving away ice cream.

Citizen's Comments.

Adam Yeager, 1833 S. Custer Road commented on fireworks being made in China.

Thomas Veres, 315 Arbor Avenue commented on the ordinance that was passed and the problems with drainage on his property as a result of the raised alleyway.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street hitchhiked on the Mayor's and a couple of the Council Members comments and offered some ideas regarding the maintenance of the Heritage Trail.

Following discussion it was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that Council go into Closed Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation at 8:33 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that Council reconvene into Open Session at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that the meeting adjourn at 9:26 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor