

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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, July 18, 2011, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 18, 2011, and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, July 25, 2011.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$ 704,984.37.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

153 Appointments Resolution.

1. Communication from the Mayor's Office, submitting a proposed resolution for an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Monroe Housing Commission and recommending the resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

154 Arthur Lesow Community Center "Back to School, Backpack Event".

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Anthony Hoskins, ALCC Activities Director, for permission to hold the annual "Back 2 School, Supplying Our Future Backpack Event" on August 20, 2011, to use the back parking lot of the ALCC and to close East Second Street between Winchester and Eastchester Streets from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

155 Hollywood in the Woods Block Party.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Millie Degraer, Chair Person of the Block, for permission to hold their annual Hollywood in the Woods block party on September 17, 2011 and to close Hollywood Drive between Cole Road and Oakwood from 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as

outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

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

156 4th Annual Bed Race to Aid Children in Monroe County.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Kenneth J. Miller, Bed Race Committee President, for permission to hold the 4th annual charity bed race to aid needy children in Monroe County on October 16, 2011, to close E. First Street between Monroe and Macomb Street and Washington Street between E. Front and E. Second Streets from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (rain date 10/23/11), and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime costs to the city in accordance with City Council adopted policy, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

157 Proposed Resolution to Recognize Monroe County Quilt Guild as a Non-Profit Organization.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a proposed resolution that would officially reconfirm the Monroe County Quilt Guild as a non-profit organization in the Monroe community, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

158 9/11 Memorial Bike Night.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Tom Ford, Chairman 9/11 Memorial Bike Night, on behalf of the Firefighters Local 326 for permission to hold the annual 9/11 Memorial Bike Night, to close E. First Street between S. Macomb and S. Monroe Streets, Washington Street between E. Second and E. Front Streets, E. Front Street from S. Macomb Street to S. Monroe Streets from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of parking motorcycles for display and to use the Loranger Square pavilion for music, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to costs recovery & fee waivers in accordance with City Council adopted policy, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

159 Water Service Connection Materials Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the purchase of Water Service Connection Materials and the lowest bidders meeting all bid specifications for each respective division are as follows: Division I – 8" Service Saddle Connections – to Etna Supply for a total cost of \$6,496.29; Division II – Corporation Stops – Ball Valve to East Jordan Iron Works, Inc for a total cost of \$5,825.40; Division III – Compression Curb Stop – Ball Valve to East Jordan Iron Works, Inc for a total cost of \$9,120.60; Division IV – Compression Couplings – 3/4"x1" to SLC Meter Service for a total cost of \$773.80; Division V – Compression Couplings – 1" to SLC Meter

Service for a total cost of \$115.50; Division VI – Compression Pack Joint Couplings ¾" Iron to 1" Copper to SLC Meter Service for a total cost of \$121.92; Division VII – Compression Pack Joint Couplings ¾" xs Led to 1" to SLC Meter Service for a total cost of \$243.00; Division VIII – Curb Stop Boxes and Rods to Kuhlman Corp. for a total cost of \$10,830.60; Division IX – 1" Copper (60' ROLLS) to ETNA Supply for a total cost of \$27,417.60; Division X – 1" Copper (100' ROLLS) to ETNA Supply for a total cost of \$9,520.00, and recommending that the bidders be awarded the respective divisions and for purchase orders be issued in the amounts shown for providing Water Service Connection Materials in accordance with the bid specifications.

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

160 Land Division, Parcel #59-01900-000.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a request from the Port of Monroe for land division of Parcel #59-01900-000, located at the northeast corner of E. Elm Street and Detroit Avenue, adjacent to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, and recommending that Council approve the proposed land division of parcel #59-01900-000 and authorize City staff to complete all required procedural steps and documentation to create three (3) new parcels.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

161 Community Development Block Grant FIX Project Award.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, reporting back on bids received for a Community Development Block Grant FIX project located at 116 Lorain Street, and recommending that Council award this Community Development Block Grant FIX contract with a budget of \$21,853 plus an additional \$3,147 in contingencies to Carter Building Services and authorize staff to take the necessary steps to complete each project in compliance with federal regulations. This will include drafting a contract to be signed by each homeowner and the contractor.
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 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159 and 161 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 160 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

160 The communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a request from the Port of Monroe for land division of Parcel #59-01900-000, located at the northeast corner of E. Elm Street and Detroit Avenue, adjacent to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, and recommending that Council approve the proposed land division of parcel #59-01900-000 and authorize City staff to complete all required procedural steps and documentation to create three (3) new parcels.

David Smith, 530 Hollywood Blvd., commented on the plan view contained within the document and asked if it is an existing landfill and if so what provision do we have for site remediation and can it be used for industrial use, and he asked about the toxicity of the land.

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development explained that there is an old closed landfill which has been capped but because of its unique characteristics, there will be some ongoing monitoring of it. He also said that nothing hazardous has been discovered but that's why this parcel has been separated out from the other parcels.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and second by Council Member Paisley that item 160 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Bica commented on the Monroe Rotary Raffle and the ALCC Raffle.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark recognized and welcomed the representatives from the Monroe County Quilt Guild, the National Battlefield Park Superintendent, Scott Bentley and the representative from John Dingell's office, Mark Cochran and also Ken Lorraine, Attorney, Ready, Heller and Ready.

Citizen's Comments.

Jeannie Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue commented on the National Park Service planning meeting that she attended for this area and reminded everyone about the new fair museum at the Monroe County Fair.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street expressed his appreciation for the new water lines, sidewalks, trimmed trees and soon to be new streets in his neighborhood.

Adjournment

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Bica that the meeting adjourn at 7:50 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor