

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Rosalind Boswell, Secretary to the City Clerk-Treasurer gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

John Patterson introduced Steve Charpie, New Custer Brass Band who played the National Anthem in honor of the 13th Annual Custer Week.

Proclamation.

203 October, 2011 – United Way of Monroe County Month.

204 October 16-22, 2011 – Monroe County Bed Race to Aid Children Week.

Public Hearing.

189 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 11-009, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 127, Retirement, to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”) within and governed by the City’s Retirement System Ordinance and in a manner that complies with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (and its related treasury regulations), of the Code of the City of Monroe, there being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office and no persons present commenting, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Council Action.

189 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that Proposed Ordinance 11-009, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 127, Retirement, to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”) within and governed by the City’s Retirement System Ordinance and in a manner that complies with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (and its related treasury regulations), of the Code of the City of Monroe, be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 11-009, 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, September 19, 2011.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$748,638.37.

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

- 205 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. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 206 Addition of 10% Interest to Unpaid Special Assessments.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution authorizing the addition of a 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. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 207 Police Command Vehicle Purchase – Ford Explorer.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a request to purchase a sport utility vehicle to be used as the principal vehicle for the command officer in charge of the patrol shift, and recommending that Council award a contract to purchase one (1) 2013 Utility Interceptor All Wheel Vehicle for a total price of \$26,698 from Signature Ford of Owosso, Michigan, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering & Public Service be authorized to prepare a purchase order for the above amount.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 208 Demolition Bid – 629 West Front Street.
1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 629 W. Front Street, and recommending that Council award the above contract in the amount of \$8,750 to Gasper Brothers Recycling Incorporated and that a total of \$13,750 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$5,000 for 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. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 209 Traffic Committee Meeting.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on September 28, 2011, and recommending that Council accept and place on file the minutes from the September 28, 2011 Mayor's Traffic Committee meeting, and approve Traffic Control Orders 058-003, 066-007, and 112-006.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 210 Confirmation of Appointment of Manuel Hoskins as Chief of Fire.
1. Communication from the City Manager, submitting a confirmation of Appointment of Manuel Hoskins as Chief of Fire, and recommending that Council confirm the appointment of Manuel Hoskins as the Chief of Fire for the City of Monroe, with appointment becoming effective upon the receipt by the Human Resources Director of a satisfactory fitness report from the City's physician,

and that the terms for wages and benefits provided for in the letter addressed and conveyed to Lieutenant Hoskins on September 21, 2011 (attached), be approved.

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 205 and 206 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 207, 208, 209 and 210 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

207 The communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a request to purchase a sport utility vehicle to be used as the principal vehicle for the command officer in charge of the patrol shift, and recommending that Council award a contract to purchase one (1) 2013 Utility Interceptor All Wheel Vehicle for a total price of \$26,698 from Signature Ford of Owosso, Michigan, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering & Public Service be authorized to prepare a purchase order for the above amount.

Council Member Conner asked why this vehicle is being purchased from an out of town dealership.

George Brown, City Manager explained about the purchasing pool and how the bid is provided to the purchasing pools across the state.

It was moved by Council Member Conner and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 207 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

208 The communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 629 W. Front Street, and recommending that Council award the above contract in the amount of \$8,750 to Gasper Brothers Recycling Incorporated and that a total of \$13,750 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$5,000 for 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 said that she is happy that this item will finally be dealt with and taken off of the agenda because it has taken six (6) years to get it demolished.

After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Conner and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 208 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

209 The communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting the minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on September 28, 2011, and recommending that Council accept and place on file the minutes from the September 28, 2011 Mayor's Traffic Committee meeting, and approve Traffic Control Orders 058-003, 066-007, and 112-006.

David Smith, 530 Hollywood commented on the traffic control orders up for approval.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Paisley that item 209 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

210 The communication from the City Manager, submitting a confirmation of Appointment of Manuel Hoskins as Chief of Fire, and recommending that Council confirm the appointment of Manuel Hoskins as the Chief of Fire for the City of Monroe, with appointment becoming effective upon the receipt by the Human Resources Director of a satisfactory fitness report from the City's physician, and that the terms for wages and benefits provided for in the letter addressed and conveyed to Lieutenant Hoskins on September 21, 2011 (attached), be approved.

Council Member Conner noted that Lt. Manuel Hoskins was not in attendance at the meeting and asked if Lt. Hoskins had accepted the position and who the City's Medical Doctor is.

George Brown, City Manager said that Corporate Connection and the doctor on staff there is the City's medical authority.

Tom Ready, City Attorney explained how Act 78 mandates the appointment of the candidate.

After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Conner and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 210 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Conner commented on foreclosures within the city, the Bed Race on October 16th, (rain out date October 23rd) and the dog run.

Council Member Hensley commented on tonight's Proclamation for the United Way of Monroe County.

Council Member Paisley also commented on the United Way and the support they give to the ALCC.

Council Member Bica commented on the ALCC Queen of Hearts Raffle and said that it is still going on.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on the some of the programs that are held at the ALCC, the American Heart Association Heart Chase, the new Verizon Wireless business on South Monroe Street and the River Raisin Heritage Trail Walk on October 15th. He also commented on the Lantern Tours through the Monroe County Historical Museum on October 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd and reminded that leaf bags will be available on October 10th at City Hall.

Citizen's Comments.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road commented on the speed limit on South Custer Road.

Dave Roberts, 706 Broadway commented on the amount of money spent on an attorney for labor negotiations.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on fatalities of bicycle riders and walkers and the Monroe High School's Football team qualifying for the playoffs.

Jeannie Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue commented on the Lantern Tours, Ghost Stories at the Sawyer Homestead and other events around town.

Frank Small, 510 Kentucky Avenue commented on the appointment of Lt. Manuel Hoskins as Chief of Fire.

Closed Executive Session.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that Council go into Closed Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Molenda that Council reconvene to Open Session at 9:08 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Paisley that the meeting adjourn at 9:09 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Rosalind Boswell
Secretary to the City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor