

**CITY OF MONROE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011**

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager
Ed Sell, Finance Director
Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services
Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development

Mayor Clark gave an update on meeting discussion at the Community Foundation regarding the 1812 Bicentennial Celebration as well as his proposal on the facilitating and coordinating of the events. He also discussed the idea of an event coordinator position and said that there is sufficient funding within the Mayor's budget to fund the position for a half year time frame and said that this will be a long term commitment, at least 18 months.

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development provided a memo to Council regarding the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration Coordinating Committee and expanded on the duties that an events coordinator position would cover and also touched on various dates of the events calendar.

George Brown, City Manager gave an explanation regarding the recently passed Legislature from the State of Michigan that prohibits certain types of policies or ordinances in regards to construction contracting projects, which has made part of the Labor Harmony policy null and void. He gave an overview of the provisions and requirements of the State legislature signed by the governor on July 19, 2011 and explained how the labor harmony agreement would be changed because of the legislature.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services provided an agenda fact sheet and resolution regarding prevailing wage for construction contracts and explained the reason for the urgency of the matter and the time frame of the recent and upcoming bids. He requested that Prevailing Wage Resolution – Construction Contracts Fact Sheet be added to the City Council Agenda for the meeting following the Work Session.

After discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Charles D. Evans
Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor