

CITY OF MONROE  
FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

First meeting of the new City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:38 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Hensley, McKart, Bica, Molenda, Kansier, Beneteau and Mayor Clark

Father Stephen Vileo, St. Michael the Archangel Church, gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Clark welcomed Congressman John D. Dingell and invited him to address Council and the guests in attendance.

Congressman John D. Dingell said that tonight is an event of considerable happiness but is tinged with a little bit of sadness. He congratulated Members of Council, the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer on their election to serve the City of Monroe with distinction. He said that Council has gone through some difficult times under the extraordinary leadership of Mayor Clark. He said that Council Member Paisley and Council Member Conner's services will be missed and commended them for a job well done. He also congratulated new Council Member McKart and Council Member Kansier. He said that through redistricting, Monroe County has been taken out of his district and that he is saddened by that. He commented on the National Battlefield Park, the upcoming Bicentennial War of 1812 celebrations, the building of a Wild Life Refuge and other projects at the Port of Monroe.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark recognized Judge Frank L. Arnold, Monroe County Probate Court and thanked him for being at the meeting and administering the Oaths of Office. He also recognized Father Stephen Vileo, St. Michael the Archangel Church and asked him to address Council and the guests present.

Father Stephen Vileo, St. Michael the Archangel Church thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to assist with the prayer and said that his resolution for the New Year is to pray daily for peace and happiness in the world. He commented on those in public office and their duties as a public servant.

Mayor Clark recognized and thanked Dale Zorn, State Representative, Al Barron, Monroe Township Supervisor, Jacob McLaughlin, representing Randy Richardville, State Senator, Dan Downing from the National Battlefield Park, Manuel Hoskins, Fire Chief, and Tom Moore, Chief of Police & Public Safety Director for being in attendance.

Council Comments.

Council Member Hensley said he looks forward to serving on Council another two years and reflected on his past two years of service. He recognized and thanked his wife, Tammy and his children for being in attendance. He also thanked the city employees for the services that they provide to the residents of Monroe and welcomed Council Member McKart and Council Member Kansier and said he looks forward to working with them.

Council Member McKart thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight and said that he looks forward to serving the residents for the next two years. He introduced his family and had them stand for recognition.

Council Member Bica thanked everyone for being in attendance and for their support. He welcomed the two new Council Members and introduced his parents.

Council Member Molenda thanked those who are in attendance, thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service to the City and welcomed the two new Council Members. He introduced his family members and thanked them for being at the meeting. He commented about the construction on the Macomb Street Bridge that will begin in the spring and his commitment for the coming years.

Council Member Kansier introduced his family members and thanked them and Council for their support and expressed his appreciation for those who are in attendance tonight. He said that he intends to work very hard as a Council Member for the community.

Council Member Beneteau thanked everyone for showing up at the meeting especially Congressman Dingell, the State Rep. and Judge Arnold for administering the Oaths of Office. He welcomed Council Member McKart and Council Member Kansier and thanked the staff for everything they've done for the past 2, 4 and 6 years, since he's been on Council. He said he is looking forward to another 2 years with this Council and believes that this Council will continue on with keeping our City right sized and staffed correctly and to continue with the infrastructure improvements that they've started. He recognized his family and asked them to stand.

Charles D. Evans, Clerk Treasurer said it has always been an honor to serve the citizens of this community and said that he takes the job very seriously. He thanked the community for their support, thanked everyone for being in attendance, thanked his staff and said that without them he could not do the job as required. He introduced his family and thanked them for their support.

George Brown, City Manager thanked Mayor and Council and said he looks forward to working with them. He welcomed Council Member Kansier and Council Member McKart and said that he appreciates the hours and interest that they've already invested by participating in the orientation process.

Mayor Clark recognized Mrs. Worrell and asked her to stand so he could introduce her. He commended both of the newly elected Council Members for their willingness to serve the residents in the community as elected officials. He thanked Pat Weaver; Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and Manager and Victoria Wilcox, Building Custodian for their work at setting this evening up. He thanked the voters for their support of this Council. He introduced his family and asked them to stand for recognition. He reflected on the past two years and commented on looking ahead to the next two years.

Father Stephen Vileo, St. Michael the Archangel Church, gave the benediction.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Molenda that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Charles D. Evans  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor