

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Council Action.

252 This item was postponed at the January 17, 2012 meeting.

Communication from the Human Resources Director, reporting back on Proposed Ordinance No. 11-010, an Ordinance to amend several sections of Chapter 127, Retirement, Article I, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, and establish Article IV, Denial of Claim; Appeals, of the Code of the City of Monroe. It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that Proposed Ordinance No. 11-010, be postponed until the next regular scheduled Council Meeting to be held on February 6, 2012.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 252 be placed on the floor for its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 11-010, 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 Work Session held on January 9, 2012, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 17, 2012, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2012, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 23, 2012.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,150,311.25  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

George Brown, City Manager explained that due to necessary language modifications for item 20, he would request that the item be pulled and tabled until the next meeting.

13 Establishment of a Mayor Pro Tem Resolution.

1. Communication from the Mayor's Office, submitting a proposed resolution that designates City Council Member Jeremy J. Molenda to serve as Mayor Pro Tem during the Mayor's absence, and recommending that Council adopt the proposed Resolution.

2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted
- 14 Appointments Resolution.
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.
- 15 Monroe County Farm Bureau Banner Request.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Farm Bureau for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from February 29 – March 14, 2012 announcing National Agriculture Week, and recommending that Council approve the request subject to meeting qualifications outlined in the banner policy.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out
- 16 Relay for Life Banner Request.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Relay for Life of Monroe for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from May 21 – June 3, 2012 announcing the Monroe Relay for Life on June 2-3, and recommending that Council approve the request subject to meeting qualifications outlined in the banner policy.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out
- 17 Annual Memorial Day Parade Request.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the VFW Memorial Day Parade Committee for permission to hold the annual parade on May 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., and recommending that council approve this request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, parade permit, 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.
- 18 Fire Department Flashover Training Provided by Oakland Community College Fire Training Center.
1. Communication from the Deputy Director of Public Safety, reporting back on the Fire Department flashover training on April 28 – 29, 2012 provided by Oakland Community College Fire Training Center, and recommending approval of the contract with Oakland Community College for flashover training in the amount of \$6,500.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 19 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award for Regional Training.
1. Communication from the Deputy Director of Public Safety, reporting back on an AFG Regional Training Grant program with Frenchtown and Monroe Townships, for a three day rapid intervention safety and

survival training program for Firefighters / Public Safety Officer personnel, with the City of Monroe's obligation for this grant to be a maximum of \$4,281, and recommending that Council approve our participation in this regional grant.

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

20 City of Monroe's Flexible Benefit Plan.

1. Communication from the Human Resources Director, submitting amendments to the City of Monroe's Flexible Benefit Plan, and recommending that Council adopt and approve the mandatory amendments to the City's Flexible Spending Benefit Plan document based on the new regulations.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

21 "The Sawyer Homestead" Lease/Service Agreement.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a Lease/Service Agreement for the Sawyer Homestead located at 320 E. Front Street, and recommending that Council approve the proposed 5-year Lease/Service Agreement for the Sawyer Homestead between the City of Monroe and "The Sawyer Homestead," a Not-for-Profit Corporation, with the option for a 2-year extension and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorize to execute the Lease/Service Agreement.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

22 War of 1812 Bicentennial Events Coordinator Agreement.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting an agreement to provide funding for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration Events Coordinator, and recommending that Council approve the Agreement between the City of Monroe and the Community Foundation of Monroe County to provide funding for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration Events Coordinator.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

23 Monroe County Chamber of Commerce Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Home Builders Association for permission to display a banner across West Front and West First Streets from February 10 – March 5, 2012 announcing the Home Tour and Builders Show, and recommending that Council approve the request subject to meeting qualifications outlined in the banner policy.
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 items 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 23 of the Amended Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and that items 18, 19 and 20 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

18 The communication from the Deputy Director of Public Safety was presented, reporting back on the Fire Department flashover training on April 28 – 29, 2012 provided by Oakland Community College Fire Training Center, and recommending approval of the contract with Oakland Community College for flashover training in the amount of \$6,500.

Council Member Kansier asked how many of the personnel will be attending the training and will it be a two day course.

Joe Mominee, Deputy Director of Public Safety noted that there are 26 Public Safety Officers and 15 Firefighters included in the training and that typically the training is one day for a total of \$6,500 plus \$150 for a dumpster. He further explained that they've opted for two days of training to be able to include more personnel and that the Firefighters Association will pick up the additional cost for the extra day.

Council Member Kansier asked if there would be additional expenditures for overtime, where the event will be held and will there be a liability to the City because of other people coming to the event sponsored by the City.

Joe Mominee, Deputy Director of Public Safety said there will be additional costs to the City for overtime and that the event will be held at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex in the parking lot. He said that he is not sure how to address the liability question, but that the Attorney may be able to but that each person from Oakland County signed a waiver before the training.

It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 18 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

19 The communication from the Deputy Director of Public Safety was presented, reporting back on an AFG Regional Training Grant program with Frenchtown and Monroe Townships, for a three day rapid intervention safety and survival training program for Firefighters / Public Safety Officer personnel, with the City of Monroe's obligation for this grant to be a maximum of \$4,281, and recommending that Council approve our participation in this regional grant.

Council Member Kansier said that his questions of this item would be the same as with the previous item.

Joe Mominee, Deputy Director of Public Safety said that the goal with this grant is to involve Frenchtown Township, the City of Monroe and Monroe Township into three day rapid intervention/safety survival training. He continued that location is yet to be determined as well as the dates of the training, but that there will be three separate classes with 30 personnel in each. He also noted that with this grant the maximum cost to the City would be \$4,281, assuming that we use up approximately \$14,000 of backfill and overtime.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 19 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

20 The communication from the Human Resources Director, submitting amendments to the City of Monroe's Flexible Benefit Plan, and recommending that Council adopt and approve the mandatory amendments to the City's Flexible Spending Benefit Plan document based on the new regulations.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 20 be tabled for future consideration.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Bica commented on the ALCC Queen of Hearts raffle.

Council Member Beneteau noted that Ken Meyers, a former City Police Officer, passed away last week and offered condolences to his family.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark noted that the Laurer Finzel parking lot construction project will begin this week and recognized Andrew Lamour, former student from SMCC and currently a student at MCCC, who was presented with the Eagle Scout rank on Sunday. He noted that City Council will meet for a Work Session to discuss goals and objectives on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. He noted that there will be a coat drive in Loranger Square on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and thanked those who are sponsoring the event. He thanked Fire Chief Hoskins and Joe Mominee, Deputy Director of Public Safety for coordinating the training sessions that were passed by Council this evening.

Citizen's Comments.

David Smith, 530 Hollywood Drive commented about a telephone tower near the railroad tracks and the land that houses the National Park Battlefield that was initially to be a solid waste incinerator.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that the meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 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