

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Clark announced that there will be a Proclamation added to the Agenda and that item 61 of the Consent Agenda has been amended.

Proclamation.

63 Child Abuse and Prevention Month – April 2012.

Mayor Clark presented and read the Proclamation to Christine Todd, MCISD Early Childhood Literacy Consultant President, Child Advocacy Network of Monroe County.

Public Hearing.

44 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 12-002, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 680, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Michigan Vehicle Code, §680-22, Violations and penalties; disposition of fines, pursuant to Public Act 7 of 2012, and there being on comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the public hearing open.

Mayor Clark: "At this time I'll open the public hearing, are there any comments from those present this evening regarding this public hearing the ordinance to amend Chapter 680 regarding vehicles and traffic? Any comments from Council? Any comments from those present this evening? Hearing none, I'll close the public hearing at this time."

Council Action.

44 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that the communication from the City Attorney, submitting Proposed Ordinance No. 12-002, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 680, Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Michigan Vehicle Code, §680-22, Violations and penalties; disposition of fines, pursuant to Public Act 7 of 2012, be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 12-002, was then presented for its second time after which the Mayor asked, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

53 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that Proposed Ordinance No. 12-003, an ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget for the City of Monroe, be placed on its first reading and that the public hearing be set for Monday, April 16, 2012.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 12-003, was then presented for the first time and laid over for its second reading and public hearing for Monday, April 16, 2012.

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 March 12, 2012, the minutes of the Work Session held on March 13, 2012 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2012.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$593,234.48.

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

54 Custer Airport Drainage Improvements and Apron Rehabilitation – MDOT Funding Contract and Consultant Contracts.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a proposed resolution delineating the terms of the Custer Airport Drainage Improvements and Apron Rehabilitation with the Michigan Department of Transportation, MDOT, and recommending that the attached resolution be approved, and that the City share of the costs be appropriated as detailed in the financial information detailed below, and further recommending that the City of Monroe enter into a construction contract with Salenbien Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$168,152 and that the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and/or Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute it on behalf of the City of Monroe, subject to submission and review by the City Attorney, and further recommending that Council award a contract to Reynolds, Smith, and Hills, Inc. for construction engineering services in the amount of \$23,500 for the drainage improvements contract and in the amount of \$15,800 for design services on the apron rehabilitation project, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute both on behalf of the City of Monroe.

2. Supporting documents.

3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

55 Delinquent Rental Housing Fees – Proposed Resolution.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 16, 2012 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid rental property inspection fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.

2. Supporting documents.

3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

56 Delinquent Blight Fees – Proposed Resolution.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 16, 2012 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid blight fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.

2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 57 Delinquent Snow Removal Fees – Proposed Resolution.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 16, 2012 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid snow removal fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 58 Delinquent Demolition Fees – Proposed Invoices.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 16, 2012 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid demolition fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 59 Delinquent Weeds & Grass Cutting Fees – Proposed Resolution.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 16, 2012 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid weeds & grasses cutting fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 60 Delinquent Sidewalk Fees – Proposed Resolution.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 16, 2012 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid sidewalk fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 61 Development District Liquor Licenses for City of Monroe Downtown Development Authority District.
1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a proposed resolution which approves the Monroe Downtown Development Authority District as a redevelopment project area, and recommending that Council approve the resolution establishing the Downtown Development Authority District as a redevelopment project area and authorize City staff to execute and submit all the necessary documentation for submittals to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to authorize Development District Liquor License.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 62 Multifunction Color Copier Proposal Recommendation.
1. Communication from the Director of Finance, reporting back on bids received for a Multifunction Color Copier Proposal, and recommending that Council approve a proposal from OCE/Canon for the purchase

of a Canon C7055 at the purchase price of \$12,130 and a monthly service cost that will be fixed for the first five years of \$.0039 per black and white copy/print and \$.0550 color copy/print.

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

It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Kansier that item 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62 of the amended Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and that item 56 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

56 The communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 16, 2012 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid blight fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.

Mayor Clark noted that the City Manager is working on a schedule for Council to have further dialog in a work session on this as well as many other items.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street pointed out the total amount of unpaid blight and demolition fees and said that the City needs to have a city certification fee.

It was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Bica that item 56 be accepted, placed on file and the resolution be adopted.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Molenda congratulated the River Raisin Center for the Arts for a successful production of Alice in Wonderland.

Council Member Hensley noted that the state law, in reference to parking tickets, is changing on May 16, 2012. He said that currently if a person has six (6) outstanding parking tickets they cannot renew their driver's license, and when the law changes the number be decreased to three (3) outstanding parking tickets and your driver's license will not be renewed.

Council Member Bica noted that the ALCC Queen of Hearts Raffle is still being held every Friday at Beek's Bar & Grill and that there are eleven cards left.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark commented welcomed students from the government class, commented on National Autism Awareness Month – April, the DDA Downtown Cleanup, theater productions at Monroe High School and Monroe County Community College and the Monroe County Genealogical Society. He noted that George Quick, 96 years old, a long time resident of the city, passed away over the weekend.

Citizen's Comments.

Steve Swartz, NAFA commented on the Charlie Sanders silent auction event & scholarship foundation program held last week.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commented on the article in the Monroe Evening News regarding a proposed tax increase.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that the meeting adjourn at 8:01 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor