

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentations.

Presentation by Mark Buis, Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company of the 2012 Retiree Healthcare Actuarial Valuation.

Presentation by Fire Chief Manuel Hoskins regarding fireworks safety.

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.)

Mayor Clark pointed out that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2012 was missing some information on motions made after the Executive Closed Session. The information was provided after the Agenda was complete and Council has not had the opportunity to review them so the June 4, 2012 meeting will be on the next meeting for approval.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session held on June 12, 2012.
- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$674,652.34.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

113 Scott Eagle Attack – Thermal Image Camera Bid.

- 1. Thermal Image Camera for use in fire suppression and life rescue, and recommending that Council approve Communication from the Fire Chief, reporting back on bids received for the purchase of 1 Scott Eagle Attack the purchase of 1 Scott Thermal Imaging Camera from Argus-Hazco, at a total cost of \$6,879.50.
- 2. Supporting documents.
- 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

114 Flashback 2 In-Car Video Systems Bid.

- 1. Communication from the Fire Chief, submitting a request to purchase two Flashback 2 In-Car Video Systems for use in drivers safety and training purposes, and recommending that Council approve the purchase of two Flashback 2 In-Cars Video Systems from L-3 Mobile Vision at a total cost of \$10,480.
- 2. Supporting documents.
- 3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

- 115 Professional Consulting Services Proposal Ozone Feasibility Study at the Water Treatment Plant – Water Department.
1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on quotes received for professional consulting services for performing a Feasibility Study on the Ozone System at the Water Treatment Plant, and recommending that the proposal to provide professional consulting services for performing a Feasibility Study on the Ozone System at the Water Treatment Plant be awarded to the Arcadis out of Toledo, OH in the amount of \$10,500 in accordance with the proposal, and further recommending the Director of Water & Wastewater or his designee be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe (if needed).
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 116 Professional Consulting Services Proposal for Water Treatment Plant Filter Chamber Rehabilitation Scoping & Design – Water Department.
1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on quotes received for professional consulting services for Water Treatment Plant Filter Chamber Rehabilitation Scoping & Design, and recommending that the proposal to professional consulting services to scope / inspect / quantify / design the necessary repairs and rehabilitation of the filter chambers so as to maintain the overall integrity of the Water Treatment Plant and maintain uninterrupted flow of treated water be awarded to the Mannik & Smith Group out of Monroe, MI in the amount of \$11,672 in accordance with their proposal, and further recommending that the Director of Water & Wastewater or his designee be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe (if needed).
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 117 FY 2012 – 2013 Chemicals/Sludge Hauling & Disposal Requirements.
1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant fiscal year 2012 – 2013 Chemicals/Sludge Hauling & Disposal, and recommending that the purchase orders be awarded to the following vendors for the estimated chemicals / sludge hauling and disposal requirements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant based on the bid unit process: Liquid Ferric Chloride for a total cost of \$16,000, Cationic Polymer for a total cost of \$69,300, WW Sludge Hauling for a total cost of \$154,555.60 and WW Sludge Disposal for a total cost of \$264,013.26.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 118 Professional Consulting Services Proposal for Water Treatment Plant Electrical Improvements – Water Department.
1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on quotes received for professional consulting services for Water Treatment Plant electrical improvements, and recommending that the proposal to provide professional consulting services for the engineering design of MCCs A & B replacement at the Water Treatment Plant be awarded to the URS Corporation out of Southfield, MI in the amount of \$18,500, in accordance with their proposal, and further recommending that the Director of Water & Wastewater or his designee be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe (if needed).
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

119 Agreement with the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe Family YMCA to Reopen and Operate the Dick Waters Swimming Pool at Arborwood South.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a proposed agreement between the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe Family YMCA to reopen and operate the Dick Waters Swimming Pool at Arborwood South, and recommending that Council approve entering into an operations and service agreement with the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe Family YMCA to reopen and operate the Dick Waters Swimming Pool at the Arborwood South school facility for the 2012 season, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute the agreement, with a financial contribution not to exceed \$20,000; subject to final review and approval of the agreement language by the City Attorney, and further recommending that Council direct the Finance Director to prepare a budget amendment to provide the funding for the agreement from FY 2012-13 contingency funds.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

120 2012 Bituminous Pavement Maintenance Program – Contract Award.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the 2012 Bituminous Pavement Maintenance Program, and recommending that Council award the above contract to D.G. Slurry Seal of Toledo in the amount of \$98,487.45, and that a total of \$118,200 be encumbered to include a 20% project contingency, and further recommending that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

121 Wastewater Electrician Van Purchase – Stores and Equipment Section.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting quotes from two vendors for a Wastewater electrician van purchase, and recommending that Council authorize the purchase of a 2013 GMC Savana 2500 Cargo Van at a cost of \$17,871.20 from Red Holman Buick GMC, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to prepare a purchase order for the above amount after July 1, 2012.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

122 Potential Special Assessment Project(s) – Alley West of Arbor Avenue, South of Noble Avenue – Special Assessment Resolution Number 1.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting Resolution No. 1 in the special assessment process declaring the paving of the alley west of Arbor Avenue, south of Noble Avenue, and recommending that the attached Resolution 1 be adopted, which directs the Engineering Department to prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimates for this project.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

123 Proposed Sidewalk Special Assessment Project – Brick Paver Area on North Side of West Front Street at Cass Street – Special Assessment Resolution Number 1.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting Resolution No. 1 in the special assessment process declaring the installation of a brick paver area on the north side of West Front

Street at Cass Street, and recommending that the attached Resolution 1 be adopted, which directs the Engineering Department to prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimates for this project.

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

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 120, 121, 122 and 123 of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and that item 117 and 119 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

117 The communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant fiscal year 2012 – 2013 Chemicals/Sludge Hauling & Disposal, and recommending that the purchase orders be awarded to the following vendors for the estimated chemicals / sludge hauling and disposal requirements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant based on the bid unit process: Liquid Ferric Chloride for a total cost of \$16,000, Catonic Polymer for a total cost of \$69,300, WW Sludge Hauling for a total cost of \$154,555.60 and WW Sludge Disposal for a total cost of \$264,013.26.

Council Member Molenda noted that there is a current agreement in place until 2013, that Council is considering a 5% increase and he wanted clarification about why the current contract would not still be covering this.

Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities explained that the agreement for sludge disposal is with Republic Services of Vienna Junction Landfill in Monroe County and that this agreement was written up and negotiated about three (3) years ago. He noted that in subsequent years there has been a 5% increase, and that they will negotiate with them to see if it can be reduced beginning with the next fiscal year.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 117 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

119 The communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a proposed agreement between the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe Family YMCA to reopen and operate the Dick Waters Swimming Pool at Arborwood South, and recommending that Council approve entering into an operations and service agreement with the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe Family YMCA to reopen and operate the Dick Waters Swimming Pool at the Arborwood South school facility for the 2012 season, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute the agreement, with a financial contribution not to exceed \$20,000; subject to final review and approval of the agreement language by the City Attorney, and further recommending that Council direct the Finance Director to prepare a budget amendment to provide the funding for the agreement from FY 2012-13 contingency funds.

Council Member Hensley asked if provisions have been established to provide a reduced rate for residents who cannot afford the cost of the daily rate.

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development explained how they determined the daily rate of \$2 but said that there are no other provisions in place for a reduced rate.

Council Member Hensley asked if there is a way to track who is using the pool to find out if city residents are benefiting from it.

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development explained that the agreement requires that attendance is tracked and reported back to all partners on a weekly basis. He continued that the requirement does not specify that they track the city of origin or the residency of those attending but that is something that we could request of the partners.

George Brown said that topic has been discussed with other communities and that this partnership is a way to get at that issue and eliminate it as an issue.

Bob Vergeils, Monroe Public Schools said that a season pass is available for children under 13 years old for \$40 and a pass for 13 and over for \$60 which would allow unlimited swimming for that guest and there are also family plans.

After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Bica that item 119 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

#### Council Comments.

Council Member McKart thanked Mayor Clark for appointing him to the Commission on Environment and Water Quality and commented on the amount work that the Commission has done in preparation for the funding of the cleanup of the river and the dams and other projects they've been involved in.

Council Member Bica requested that the hours of operation for the Dick Waters Swimming Pool at Arborwood South.

Bob Vergeils, Monroe Public Schools noted that the Grand Opening will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and will be open daily through Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday through Friday, from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and will be closed on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on the Flag rising for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bicentennial War of 1812, at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park. He noted that on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Twilight Tattoo Concert in Loranger Square at 7:00 p.m., and the River Raisin International Fife and Drum Muster is on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> following the Grand Parade of Music through Downtown Monroe at 11:00 a.m. He also noted that there will be a Pow Wow, an organized event of the Native American Culture, at Monroe County Community College on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and also noted that Hull's March event will be held at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., and that same evening there will be a band playing at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park. His also commented on the recent Commission on Environment and Water Quality Meeting.

#### Citizen's Comments.

Wayne Burdeaux, 602 E. First Street noted that he came before Council in March with a concern about the zoning of the property at 57 Navarre Street and asked if there has been any determination regarding the zoning.

George Brown, City Manager said that staff is reviewing the complaint and looking into appropriate action regarding zoning compliance. He said that he does not have an updated report currently but that there should be one available tomorrow regarding the status of inspections and compliance determination. He asked that Mr. Burdeaux leave his contact information with Mr. Swallow.

Wayne Burdeaux, 602 E. First Street asked if it has been determined if the half way house is legal and asked if there has been any progress on the inspection process.

Tom Ready, City Attorney said that he will be available to speak with Mr. Burdeaux after the meeting.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street commended Council for taking action regarding the Dick Waters Swimming Pool and commented on the fire that destroyed two building on N. Monroe and Lorain Streets.

George Brown, City Manager said that the city has had rental housing inspections for several years on a three (3) year cycle and we go in more often when we are aware of issues in the interim of the three (3) year cycle. He said that we also have a building inspection program for fire safety with non residential properties also.

David Smith, 530 Hollywood Blvd. congratulated Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development and Bob Vergeils, Monroe Public Schools for their cooperation with one another in getting the Dick Waters Swimming Pool in working order again.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Kansier that the meeting adjourn at 8:23 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

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Charles D. Evans  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor