

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Sharon C. Malotky, Deputy City Clerk, gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentation.

Presentation by Dawn Siegel of Geographic Information Services, Inc on the proposed City of Monroe Geographic Information System Upgrades.

Council Action.

153 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that the revised final Planned Unit Development (PUD) plan for the Solar Panel Array at the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary campus, located at 610 W. Elm Avenue, include the condition that the landscaping screen be 9 feet in height at planting to ensure full and immediate screening of the solar array panels, be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 (Council Member Bica) Abstain: 1 (Council Member Hensley)

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 Regular Council Meeting held on August 20, 2012.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,680,185.45.

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

170 Public Safety Equipment Transfer to Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department.

1. Communication from the Deputy Director of Public Safety, submitting a request to transfer a 2000 Freightliner Ambulance and an enclosed utility trailer to Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department for use with regional response and responder rehab teams, and recommending that Council approve the transfer of these 2 pieces of surplus equipment to Frenchtown Charter Township for use as described above.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

171 Air Cooling Unit Replacements for the Sludge Handling System Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for Air Cooling Units on the Sludge Handling System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$19,600 and a total amount of \$20,000 be encumbered to include a 2% contingency, be awarded to Temperature Services, Inc out of Livonia, MI for the replacement

of the Air Cooling Units on the Sludge Handling System at the WWTP as part of the fiscal year 2012-2013 CIP project in accordance with the bid specifications.

2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 172 Sidewalk Installation on South Side of North Dixie Highway Between Detroit Avenue and Ternes Drive – Special Assessment Resolution Number 2 – Sidewalk Special Assessment District Number 19.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting Resolution No. 2 for the sidewalk installation on the south side of North Dixie Highway between Detroit Avenue and Ternes Drive, and recommending that the attached Resolution No. 2 be adopted, and that the public hearing on necessity be scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 173 Installation of Public Street Lighting – Mason Run Phase 2 – Special Assessment Resolution Number 2 – Street Lighting Special Assessment District Number 1.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting Resolution No. 2 for the installation of public street lighting to service properties located in Mason Run Phase 2, and recommending that the attached Resolution No. 2 be adopted, and that the public hearing on necessity be scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 174 Traffic Committee Meeting.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on August 15, 2012, and recommending that Council accept and place on file the minutes from the August 15, 2012 Mayor's Traffic Committee meeting, and approve Traffic Control Orders 067-005, 167-009, 192-008, 307-003, and 312-003, and further recommending that the public hearing on the lane conversion of North Dixie Highway be scheduled for the next Traffic Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, and that direct mail notifications be provided to adjacent property owners along the corridor.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 175 Suicide Vigil in Loranger Square.
1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from Rusty Davis, United Way of Monroe County, Inc. Program Manager on behalf of the Suicide Prevention Committee for permission to hold their annual Suicide Vigil in Loranger Square on September 18, 2012 and to close East First Street between Monroe and Washington Street from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., and recommending that council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other costs to the city, 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.

176 Geographic Information System Upgrades – Professional Services Award.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a proposal for the Geographic Information System (GIS) upgrades, and recommending that a professional services award be made to Geographic Information Services, Inc. for the above work in the amount of \$30,100, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute any necessary agreement documents on behalf of the City, and further recommending that an award for a new server be made to ESRI in the amount of \$9,000 per the attached quotation.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

177 Monroe Multi-Sports Complex Compressor Repair.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting a quote for the repair of two compressors at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, and recommending that Council approve waiving the bid process and further approve the City Manager to contract with Cimco Refrigeration to repair compressor number one and two at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$20,500, which includes an approximate 5% contingency, and further recommending that if a more cost effective quote can be received from an alternate qualified vendor, the City Manager is approved to contract with that vendor instead.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

178 Brush Cutting Award – 3 Locations.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting quotes for brush cutting on the north bank of the River Raisin along North Custer Road bicycle path, the south bank of the River Raisin adjacent to Soldiers & Sailors Park and both banks of Mason Run Drain adjacent to the Monroe Multi-Sports complex, and recommending that Council authorize purchase orders for up to \$9,000 to Noel Lawn Service to perform brush removal in the above three (3) locations.
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 Kansier that item 171, 172, 174, 175, 176 and 177 of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and that item 170, 173 and 178 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

170 The communication from the Deputy Director of Public Safety, submitting a request to transfer a 2000 Freightliner Ambulance and an enclosed utility trailer to Frenchtown Charter Township Fire Department for use with regional response and responder rehab teams, and recommending that Council approve the transfer of these 2 pieces of surplus equipment to Frenchtown Charter Township for use as described above.

Council Member McKart asked why Council would consider giving the City's ambulance away.

Joe Mominee, Deputy Director of Public Safety explained that the City attempted to sell the two pieces at auction but they did not sell and that Frenchtown Charter Township approached the City with their request and their plan of how they would utilize the equipment. He also noted that the City would continue to have access to the equipment if needed, as well as other fire departments in the county, but that the maintenance and upkeep of the equipment would be taken care of by Frenchtown Charter Township.

After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 170 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 (Council Member Kansier and McKart)

Motion carried.

173 The communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting Resolution No. 2 for the installation of public street lighting to service properties located in Mason Run Phase 2, and recommending that the attached Resolution No. 2 be adopted, and that the public hearing on necessity be scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Hensley noted that he would abstain from voting due to conflict of interest.

After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Bica that item 173 be accepted, placed on file and the resolution be adopted.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Council Member Hensley)

Motion carried.

178 The communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting quotes for brush cutting on the north bank of the River Raisin along North Custer Road bicycle path, the south bank of the River Raisin adjacent to Soldiers & Sailors Park and both banks of Mason Run Drain adjacent to the Monroe Multi-Sports complex, and recommending that Council authorize purchase orders for up to \$9,000 to Noel Lawn Service to perform brush removal in the above three (3) locations.

Council Member McKart asked why DPS employees cannot do the mowing of these properties.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services explained that the department is presently short staffed and said the price is pretty competitive. He also noted that it would probably cost more to have the work done in house with overtime.

After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Bica that item 178 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Council Member McKart)

Council Comments.

Council Member Beneteau congratulated Council Member Bica on his wedding.

Citizen's Comments.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street announced that September is International/National Drug Recovery Month and that there will be a Drug Awareness Education Event held on Thursday, September 13 from 5:00pm to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Park and noted other areas that will host events for the same. He also commented on Agenda item 175, Suicide Vigil in Loranger Square on Tuesday, September 18.

Robert Navarre, 637 Huber Street expressed concern and disappointment that the Fire Fighters annual 9/11 Event will not be held in the City of Monroe this year.

Mayor Clark responded to Mr. Navarre's concern.

Closed Executive Session.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Bica that Council go into closed executive session to discuss Pending Litigation at 9:00 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Kansier and seconded by Council Member Molenda that Council reconvene to open session at 9:15 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Bica that the meeting adjourn at 9:16 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Sharon C. Malotky
Deputy City Clerk

Robert E. Clark
Mayor