

**CITY OF MONROE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012**

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Council Member Beneteau.

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager
Tom Ready, City Attorney
Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development
Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering and Public Services
Tom Moore, Public Safety Director
Joe Mominee, Deputy Public Safety Director
Manuel Hoskins, Chief of Fire

Mayor Clark explained that the purpose of the Work Session is to discuss public safety and if time permits, the Memorial Place flower display.

Tom Moore, Public Safety Director, gave a presentation updating the status of the public safety transition and outlined transitional steps that will occur in the upcoming weeks that will allow them to continue to provide the same level of service that the citizens have become accustomed to.

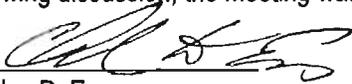
He explained that there are currently 27 public safety officers supplementing the core group of 13 firefighters on fire, medical and other emergency incidents. The Monroe Fire Department and Monroe County Ambulance are the primary responders to medical calls and the Monroe Police Department responds based on priority and current status of available units to render basic care and first aid. He further explained that they are budgeted for 16 personnel through December 31, 2012. There are currently 13 personnel on the fire side; staffing is broken into three platoons on 24 hours shifts; each platoon consisting of 4 personnel. Minimum staffing is currently set at 4 firefighters per day by council resolution. He stated that in projecting out to 2013 they will still have 13 firefighters and an additional 5 trained public safety officers, which provides for a total of 45 trained firefighters that can respond in any combination.

He stated that his recommendation is to reduce the on duty firefighter minimum staffing level to 3, equaling 196 less overtime days at \$775 per day. He explained how dropping the minimum staffing level to 3 will not change the way they respond today.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. George Brown, City Manager stated that a team is preparing more in depth information and a resolution should be brought to Council before the end of January.

Discussion was then held regarding Memorial Place flower display. Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering and Public Services gave a history of the flower display and alternatives to the costly tropical flower display were discussed among Council.

Following discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. by Mayor Clark


Charles D. Evans
Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor