

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentations.

Presentation by Barry Laroy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities regarding the Commission on Environment & Water Quality – 2013 River Raisin Projects Update.

Proclamations.

1 Monroe War of 1812 Bicentennial – Battle of the River Raisin Day – January 19, 2013.

Council Action.

2 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Kansier that Proposed Ordinance No. 13-001, an ordinance to amend Part Two, Chapter 720, Zoning, Section 720-23, Zoning Map, of the Code of the City of Monroe, Michigan to rezone the property located at 1125 West Front Street, be placed on its first reading and that the public hearing be set for Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 13-001, was then presented for the first time and laid over for its second reading and public hearing for Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

260 This item was tabled at the December 17, 2012 meeting.

Communication from the Director of Human Resources, submitting a Retiree Health Care Plan Document which will replace City Policy Number 002, Retiree Health Care, and recommending that the Mayor and City Council authorize the adoption, establishment and execution of the Retiree Health Care Plan document and that the officials designated on the Execution page be authorized to execute it on behalf of the City of Monroe. It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Kansier that this item be tabled until the January 7, 2013 meeting.

It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Kansier that item 260 be placed on the floor for discussion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Kansier that item 260 be tabled until the Tuesday, January 22, 2013 meeting per request of the City Manager.

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 December 12, 2012, the Minutes of the Work Session held on December 17, 2012 and the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 17, 2012.
- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$871,594.63.  
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.
- 3 FY 2012, Round 2, Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP).
  1. Communication from the Director of Public Safety/Police Chief, submitting notice of a grant award in the amount of \$49,000.00 from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury to offset the costs associated with mergers, inter-local agreements, and cooperative efforts for cities, villages, townships, and counties that elect to combine government operations occurring on or after October 1, 2011, and recommending that City Council approve and accept this grant award.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 4 Recommendation for Approval of Land Division at 1427 East Front Street.
  1. Communication from the Director of Economic and Community Development, submitting an application from William J. Gross to the Citizens Planning Commission to divide Parcel #49-01473-000, commonly referred to as 1427 East Front Street, and recommending that City Council approve CPC Case #S 12-007, 1427 East Front Street, specifically approving the proposed land division for the subject parcel and authorize staff to complete all required procedural steps and documentation to create the two new parcels.
  2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 5 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. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 6 War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration Coordinating Committee Request.
  1. Communication from the Director of Economic and Community Development, submitting a request from the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration Coordinating Committee to hold Commemoration Events on Saturday, January 19, 2013, and recommending that City Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to Council adopted policy and communication

- with the Monroe Multi Sports Complex management, insurance requirements being met, and that the City Manager be granted the authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.
2. Supporting documents.
  3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Clark introduced Dale Zorn, State Representative, who thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Monroe for the past two years. He stated that he will now be serving the west side of the county but he appreciated the time he had to work with and be a part of the community in the City of Monroe.

#### Council Comments.

Council Member Hensley wished everyone a happy new year and thanked Mr. Zorn for his service to the City of Monroe for the past two years.

#### Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark outlined the events to be held Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the War of 1812 Bicentennial. He also commented on the appointments made at tonight's meeting (Consent Agenda item 5): Ed Chakmakian to the Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees and Robert Cebina to the Recreation Advisory Commission. He also stated that an Inaugural Celebrity Spelling Bee will be held at Saint Mary Catholic Central on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### City Manager Comments

George Brown, City Manager, spoke in regard to Consent Agenda item 3, stating that the City was recognized through a grant award under the Economic Vitality Incentive Program and was awarded \$49,000 to help continue the program for cross training the City's public safety personnel and to purchase some of the equipment that is needed. He also announced that the City received good news today on the economic development front stating that a global company has firmed up its' commitment to the community through the purchase of one of the City's facilities.

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic and Community Development, stated that he was very excited to welcome the newest member of the City's business community here in Monroe. He stated that Hanwha Incorporated is a South Korean plastics injection molding company who purchased the building at 1530 East Front Street, (the building Schonscheck Incorporated developed on the site in partnership with the Port of Monroe) and they anticipate employing 35 to 40 people.

#### Citizen Comments

Richard Micka, 47 East Elm, stated that as a member of the Commission on Environment and Water Quality he wanted to thank Barry Laroy for his presentation stating that it was just the tip of the iceberg. He also thanked Maureen Pfund, Chairperson of the Commission and Dan Stefansky for the photographs that were taken there.

Dave Roberts, 706 Broadway wished the Mayor and Council a happy new year, complimented them on doing a good job, and complained regarding private residence and commercial building owners who are not shoveling their sidewalks on time.

Mayor Clark stated that the complaint will be forwarded to the Department of Public Services. He also commented on Mr. Roberts' service on the Commission on Environment and Water Quality stating that he just concluded his lengthy tenure and that he appreciates his volunteerism.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road, complained about the county snow plows throwing snow in his yard.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Bica that the meeting adjourn at 8:14 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 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