

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Rosalind Boswell, Secretary to the Clerk-Treasurer, gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Action.

54 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that Proposed Ordinance No. 13-003, an ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget for the City of Monroe, be placed on its first reading and the public hearing be set for Monday, April 15, 2013.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 13-003, was then presented for the first time and laid over for its second reading and public hearing on Monday, April 15, 2013.

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 18, 2013, the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 18, 2013, the Minutes of the Work Session held on March 18, 2013, the Minutes of the Work Session held on March 20, 2013 and the Minutes of the Work Session held on March 25, 2013.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$353,844.46.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

55 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.

56 Audit Contract Extension.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting a new five year extension to a contract with Plante & Moran for independent audit services that ran through the 2012 fiscal year audit, and recommending that Council approve the extension of the audit contract with Plante & Moran for the fiscal years 2013 through 2017.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

- 57 2012 Sidewalk Replacement Program – Additional Water Patches.
1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a request for additional funding of approximately \$1,800 to the 2012 Sidewalk Replacement Program, and recommending that Council authorize up to an additional \$1,800 in funding under the 2012 Sidewalk Replacement Program to Century Cement Co., Inc., and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute any necessary change orders for the work.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 58 South Monroe Lift Station Control System Replacement Bid – Wastewater Department.
1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for the South Monroe Lift Station Control System Replacement, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$40,680 and a total amount of \$47,000 be encumbered to include a 15% contingency, be awarded to Staelgrave-Turner Electric, Inc out of Monroe for the South Monroe Lift Station Control System Replacement project as part of an approved FY 2012-2013 CIP project in accordance with the bid specifications.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.
- 59 Annual Weed Cutting Date.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting May 6, 2013 as the annual date that all weeds and grasses and other items subject to Ordinance No. 05-004 be cut removed or destroyed, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 60 Delinquent Rental Housing Fees – Proposed Resolution.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 15, 2013 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 the attached resolution be adopted and a public hearing be set for Monday, April 15, 2013.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.
- 61 Delinquent Blight Fees – Proposed Resolution.
1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 15, 2013 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid blight removal fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending the attached resolution be adopted and a public hearing be set for Monday, April 15, 2013.
 2. Supporting documents.
 3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

62 Delinquent Weed and Grass Cutting Fees – Proposed Resolution.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 15, 2013 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid weed and grass cutting fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending the attached resolution be adopted and a public hearing be set for Monday, April 15, 2013.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

63 Delinquent Sidewalk Fees – Proposed Resolution.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 15, 2013 as the date of the public hearing on the assessment roll for the expenses of unpaid sidewalk assessment fees where the owners have failed to pay for the same, and recommending the attached resolution be adopted and a public hearing be set for Monday, April 15, 2013.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

64 Demolition Bid – 520 Almyra Avenue.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 520 Almyra Avenue, and recommending that Council award the above contract in the amount of \$5,100 to Universal Consolidated Enterprises and that a total of \$9,100 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$4,000 for any unforeseen costs associated with the demolition, and further recommending that the Mayor or Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

65 Demolition Bid – 1020 East First Street.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 1020 East First Street, and recommending that Council award the above contract in the amount of \$7,100 to Universal Consolidated Enterprises and that a total of \$11,100 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$4,000 for any unforeseen costs associated with the demolition, and further recommending that the Mayor or Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

66 Demolition Bid – 728 East Fourth Street.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 728 East Fourth Street, and recommending that Council award the above contract in the amount of \$5,900 to Universal Consolidated Enterprises and that a total of \$9,900 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$4,000 for any unforeseen costs associated with the demolition, and further recommending that the Mayor or Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

67 Installation of New Public Storm Sewer – Lavender Street between Calkins and Hendricks – 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 new public storm sewer on Lavender Street between Calkins and Hendricks Drive, 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. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

68 Settlement of Pending Litigation – Jenkins (Class Action) v. City of Monroe and Monroe Metropolitan Water Pollution Control System.

1. Communication from the City Attorney, submitting a proposed settlement agreement – Jenkins (Class Action) v. City of Monroe and Monroe Metropolitan Water Pollution Control System, and recommending that Council approve the proposed settlement.
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 McKart that item 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67 and 68 of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and that item A and 66 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

A. The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, March 18, 2013 and the Minutes of the Council Work Session on Monday, March 18, 2013.

Council Member Kansier pointed out that in the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 18, 2013, under Council Action, item 39, the roll call indicates Ayes: 6 & Nays: 2, it should read Ayes 5 & Nays 2. He also noted that in the Minutes of the Work Session held on Monday, March 18, 2013 the time of adjournment is listed as 10:38 a.m. but should read 10:38 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Kansier and seconded by Council Member Molenda that the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and the Work Session held on Monday, March 18, 2013 be amended as noted.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

66 The communication from the Building Official was presented, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 728 East Fourth Street, and recommending that Council award the above contract in the amount of \$5,900 to Universal Consolidated Enterprises and that a total of \$9,900 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$4,000 for any unforeseen costs associated with the demolition, and further recommending that the Mayor or Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Monroe.

Anthony Cortese, 924 W. Elm Avenue said he is still waiting for the Building Department to send him a list of improvements needed on the property. He said that he spoke with Mr. Lehmann about 2 months ago and

asked him for a list and Mr. Lehmann said he would mail a list or call him with a list. He explained what transpired with the Building Department regarding other repairs that were made to the property.

Joe Lehmann, Building Official said he does not recall a conversation regarding a list. He updated Council on the history of the property including any repairs that were or were not completed leading up to the demolition bid.

Council Member Molenda asked why a building permit was issued.

Joe Lehmann, Building Official said it was for maintenance and repairs due to the property maintenance code letter dated May 21, 2012 and it says a separate plumbing, mechanical and electrical permits. He continued to list the information that was contained in the letter.

Following lengthy discussion, it was moved by Council Member Kansier and seconded by Council Member Beneteau that item 66 be postponed until the next Council Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Council Member Hensley)

Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark announced that on Saturday, April 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. a demonstration of the volunteer militia drill day will be held at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park including various other activities as well. He noted that the Downtown Development Authority will hold the annual downtown clean up on Saturday, April 13th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and that same day at Munson Park there will be a volunteer clean up from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments

Adam Yeager, 1833 S. Custer Road commented on construction inspections done by government employees.

Eric Tucker, Pastor of Carey Chapel AME Church, 119 Almyra Avenue greeted Mayor and Council and introduced his wife Tamyka. He said they have been in town since February 1st, 2013 and are here to help serve and uplift the community.

Frank Gryzwacki, 116 Hollywood Drive commented on the vacant house at 417 E. Elm Avenue.

Mayor Clark introduced a student from Mr. Tallerico's Political Science class at MCCC, Megan Libstorff.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Bica that the meeting adjourn at 8:23 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Rosalind Boswell
Secretary to the City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor