

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Council Member Bica.

Charles D. Evans, Clerk-Treasurer read a letter of resignation from Council Member Chris Bica into the record.

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

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark asked that Tom Ready, City Attorney comment on how Council can proceed in light of the resignation of Council Member Bica.

Tom Ready, City Attorney noted that the City Charter indicated that a vacancy does occur when an elected official moves out of the city so Mr. Bica's position has become vacant. He also noted that the Charter indicates that when a vacancy occurs City Council is to appoint a replacement until the next regular election so he thinks it to be appropriate for Council, at the next opportunity, to appoint a replacement to serve for Mr. Bica until the November 2013 Election.

Mayor Clark thanked Mr. Ready and said that he knows there will be question from Council so the time will come when Council will convene to discuss the procedure.

Council Action.

137 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member McKart that the Proposed Ordinance No. 13-006, and ordinance to amend Chapter 720, Zoning, Article XIII, Signage, Section 720-168 through 720-185 of the Code of the City of Monroe be placed on its first reading and the public hearing be set for Monday, July 1, 2013.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 13-006, was then presented for the first time and laid over for its second reading and public hearing.

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 City Council Meeting held on June 3, 2013.
- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,572,446.40.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

138 Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget Amendment.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting an amendment to the fiscal year 2012-13 budget, and recommending that Council approve a budget amendment to add \$508,000 to the General Fund "Loss in fair value of inventory expense" for the 2013 fiscal year and increase the Port of Monroe grant revenue and expense by \$375,000, and further recommending that the grant revenue and expenses not incurred during the 2013 fiscal year is approved to be added to the Port of Monroe budget for the 2014 fiscal year.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

139 The War of 1812 Steering Committee Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from Chris Kull on behalf of the War of 1812 Steering Committee for permission to display a banner across West First Street from June 20-24, 2013 announcing the next event planned for the Bicentennial Celebration, and recommending that Council approve the request.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

140 Monroe Street Water Main River Crossing – Consultant Design Change Order.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a change order to the Monroe Street Water Main River Crossing consultant design contract, and recommending that Council award a change order to the contract for design services for the above project to the Mannik & Smith Group in the amount of up to \$5,000, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to sign any necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

141 150th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony at Soldiers & Sailors Park.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the AMVETS Post 1942 of Monroe for permission to hold a 150th anniversary remembrance ceremony on July 3, 2013 at Soldiers & Sailors Park at the Monroe County Civil War Monument, and recommending that Council approve this request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to costs recovery & fee waivers in accordance with City Council adopted policy, and that the City Manager be granted 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.

142 2013 Water Main Replacement Program Bid.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the 2013 Water Main Replacement Program, and recommending that Council award a contract for the 2013 Water Main Replacement Location A to Salenbien Excavating in the amount of \$667,777 and that a total of \$767,900 be encumbered to include a 15% project contingency, and that Council award a contract for the 2013 Water Main Replacement Location B to Lawrence M. Clark, Inc. in the amount of \$195,943, and that a total of \$225,300 be encumbered to include a 15% 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. 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 all items of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Member Comments.

Council Member Beneteau announced the community garage sale in downtown Monroe on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Hensley commented on the resignation of Council Member Bica and wished him well. He also thanked the committees who worked on amending the sign ordinance.

Council Member Molenda also thanked Council Member Bica for his important contributions during his time as a Council Member.

Council Member Kansier thanked Council Member Bica for his dedication that he's put into this Council and the citizens of Monroe and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark reminded everyone that there are still concerts in the park on Thursday evenings, commented on the downtown garage sale, the Fife & Drum Concert this weekend, the parade on Saturday. He also noted that the Echoes of War Readings will be at the RRCA at 7:00 p.m. He also commented on the sign ordinance and voiced his appreciation to those who helped to revise it. He thanked Council Member Bica and thanked him for his contribution to the duties of the position that he held as a Council Member.

Citizens Comments.

Darlene Diekman, 222 East Second Street voiced her concern about the process of paying her tax bill at the MCCCUCU.

Charles D. Evans, Clerk-Treasurer commented on Ms. Diekman's concerns and made suggestions on how to make the process easier for her.

Mitchell Gasche, Real Estate Manager for Adams Outdoor Advertising, Ann Arbor, Michigan, said that he has worked with Dan Swallow and Jeff Green on the sign ordinance for the past 15 months and commented on the process that the committee has been through.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that the meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor