

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 July 15, 2013 and the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

Rosalind Boswell, Secretary to the Clerk-Treasurer noted that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 need to be corrected to read that Willie R. Hall was appointed to the vacant 3rd Precinct seat, not elected. She also added that item 186 of the Consent Agenda, Appointments Resolution was amended.

- B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$751,715.36.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

178 Scottwood Avenue Block Party.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the residents and families of Scottwood Avenue for permission to hold their annual block party on August 17, 2013, specifically to close the 500 block of Scottwood Avenue between Riverview and Arbor Avenue from 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., for their annual party, and recommending that City Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to no additional overtime or other cost 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. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

179 St. Mary Catholic Central Homecoming Parade.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from St. Mary Catholic Central High School for permission to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on September 27, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Specifically the request is to use the parade route selected by the Police Department, which is as follows: assemble at rear of school on West Willow Street, proceed east on Willow, south on Monroe Street, east on Fifth Street, south on Washington to Jones Avenue to the entrance at Navarre Field, and recommending that the City Council approve this request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, a parade permit, 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.

180 Demolition Bid – 1765 Riverside Drive.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on bids received for the demolition of a property located at 1765 Riverside Drive, and recommending that Council award the contract in the amount of \$7,500 to Superior Demolition and that a total of \$11,500 be encumbered to include a contingency of \$4000 for any unforeseen costs associated with the demolition, and further recommending that the Mayor and 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.

181 Arthur Lesow Community Center “Back 2 School, Backpack Event.

1. Communication from City Manager’s Office, submitting a request from Anthony Hoskins, ALCC Activities Director, for permission to hold the annual “Back 2 School, Supplying Our Future Backpack Event” on August 17, 2013, to use the back parking lot of the ALCC, use of the city’s portable stage, and to close East Second Street between Winchester and Eastchester Streets from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the event, and recommending that the City 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, review of any electrical connections by the City Electrical Inspector, 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.

182 Proposed Resolution to Recognize Gabby’s Ladder as a Non-Profit Organization.

1. Communication from the City Manager’s Office submitting a proposed resolution to recognize Gabby’s Ladder as a non-profit organization in the Monroe community, and recommending that the Resolution be adopted and the City Clerk convey a certified copy of the attached resolution to the applicant for submittal to the State LCC.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted

183 Capital Improvement Bond Notice of Intent Resolution.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting a proposed resolution as a Notice of Intent for the Capital Improvement Bond Notice of Intent, and recommending that Council approve the Notice of Intent Resolution for the City of Monroe Capital Improvement Bonds.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

184 Emergency Repair – MMSC Dehumidification System.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, reporting back on emergency repairs needed on the MMSC dehumidification system, and recommending that Council confirm the emergency direct purchase authorized by the City Manager from Thompson Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$13,809 and approve transferring \$10,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the Multi-Sports Complex budget.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

185 2013 Curb Replacement and Resurfacing Program Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the 2013 Curb Replacement and Resurfacing Program, and recommending that Council award a contract for the 2013 Curb Replacement and Resurfacing Program (Locations A, B, C, and D only) to Al's Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$320,440.08, that a total of \$368,000 be encumbered to include a 15% project contingency, and that the Finance Director be authorized to make the necessary transfers, and further recommending that 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.

186 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.

187 Downtown Monroe Business Network – Annual Fine Art Fair – Additional Street Closure.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the Downtown Monroe Business Network Fine Art Fair Committee Co-chairperson Jennifer Fountain to add an additional street closure of E. Front Street between Macomb and Monroe Streets to place Artist on East Front Street as well as hold a BBQ and Street Party during the Annual Fine Art Fair, 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 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.

188 Dunbar Road Water Main Replacement Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the Dunbar Road Water Main replacement, and recommending that Council award a contract for the Dunbar Road Water Main Replacement project to Pamar Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$664,468, that a total of \$764,000 be encumbered to include a 15% project contingency, and that the Finance Director be authorized to make any necessary transfers from the Water Fund reserves, 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.

189 Water Treatment Plant Filter Chamber Rehabilitation Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the Water Treatment Plant Filter Chamber Rehabilitation, and recommending that Council award a contract for the Monroe Water Treatment Plant Filter Chamber Rehabilitation project to Meridian Restoration, LLC in the amount of up to \$141,451 and that a total of \$162,700 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 and further recommending that a

professional services contract be awarded to The Mannik & Smith Group in an amount "Not to exceed" \$9,700, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services or his designee be authorized to execute it on behalf of the City of Monroe.

2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

190 Command Officers.

1. Communication from the Human Resources Director, submitting an agreement to extend the current collective bargaining agreement dated September 13, 2011 through December 31, 2014, and recommending that Council approve the attached extension of the COAM/Command Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement.
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 Kansier that item 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 188, 189 and 190 of the Amended Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and item 187 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

187 The communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, submitting a request from the Downtown Monroe Business Network Fine Art Fair Committee Co-chairperson Jennifer Fountain to add an additional street closure of E. Front Street between Macomb and Monroe Streets to place Artist on East Front Street as well as hold a BBQ and Street Party during the Annual Fine Art Fair, 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 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.

Rosalind Boswell, Secretary to the Clerk-Treasurer read a letter from the Downtown Monroe Business Network.

Council Member Beneteau said that it seems some of the downtown businesses were not contacted or able to express their concern about the street closures. He said when the initial request was to close East First Street that was an appropriate request because there was still an avenue to bring traffic in from Macomb Street to the East Front Street businesses. He noted that with this additional street closure request, there is no way to bring in traffic to the businesses on East Front Street.

Jim Bica, Co-Owner of Beeks Bar & Grille, Mancino's, Senior Cactus and 129 Lounge spoke in favor of the additional street closure because he thinks it will promote foot traffic from the Jazz Festival and the Fine Art's Fair to the area of his businesses.

Laura Kregar, Owner of Studio Z, 129 South Monroe Street spoke in favor of the additional street closure.

Jim Bica Sr., Co-Owner of Beeks Bar & Grille, Mancino's, Senior Cactus and 129 Lounge commented on the new streetscape in the intersection at Macomb and Front Street and the benefits of closing Front Street between Monroe and Macomb Streets.

Chris Bica Co-Owner of Beeks Bar & Grille, Mancino's, Senior Cactus and 129 Lounge commented on the DMBN Fine Art Fair and the additional street closure. He said he attended a DMBN meeting recently and that no one expressed any concern about additional streets being closed.

Following lengthy discussion, it was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Molenda that item 187 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 (Council Member Beneteau and Mayor Clark)

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member McKart welcomed Council Member Hall as the new 3rd Precinct Council Member and said that he hopes everyone enjoys the Fine Art Fair, the Bar B Q and the Jazz Festival this weekend.

Council Member Hall said that he is honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve the residents of the 3rd Precinct.

Council Member Molenda welcomed Council Member Hall and commented on the Monroe County Fair, the Jazz Festival, the Fine Art Fair and various businesses.

Council Member Kansier welcomed and congratulated Council Member Hall and also those who were appointed to the various Boards and Commissions this evening.

Council Member Beneteau welcomed and congratulated Council Member Hall.

Council Member Hensley welcomed Council Member Hall and asked for an update from staff on the demolition that was approved on the Consent Agenda for Riverside Drive and asked about the status of the list of demolitions that have been approved. He also asked that administration contact the Railroad Company and request that repairs are made to the various railroad crossings within the City that are in disrepair.

George Brown, City Manager said that they've had difficulty with the contractor for the bulk of the demolitions and explained what the delays and problems have been.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark noted that August 14 is Hazardous Waste Collection / Secure Document Shredding Day at the Monroe Multi Sports Complex and thanked the Monroe County Health Department for coordinating these events around the county. He also commented on the City of Monroe Action Line tracking program, for residents to request a service or report a problem and encouraged the residents to use it. He also commented on the Fine Art Fair and the Jazz Festival and welcomed Council Member Hall. He commented the Arthur Lesow Community Center "Back 2 School, Backpack Event to be held on August 17th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and recognized those who were appointed to the various Boards and Commissions this evening.

Citizen's Comments

Jim Bica, 716 Lavender Street commented on the two new construction projects that he has been working on this summer, one at his home and one at his businesses on East Front Street. He noted that when there were City employees at the job site the contractors worked much harder that when there were no city employees present to supervise.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer commented on an article in the newspaper about the University of Michigan approving in state tuition for illegal immigrants and also about the fee that the state agreed to add to electric bills to help the poor.

Closed Executive Session.

It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Hall that Council go into Closed Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining at 9:06 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Kansier that Council reconvene to open session at 10:47 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Beneteau and seconded by Council Member Kansier that the meeting adjourn at 10:48 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor