

**CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Sharon C. Malotky, Deputy Clerk, gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation.

248 "Homeless Awareness Week" – November 10 – 17, 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 Council Work Session held on October 21, 2013 and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 21, 2013.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$959,462.18.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

249 Humane Society of Monroe County Gobble Wobble & Turkey Trot.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the Humane Society of Monroe County for permission to hold a Gobble Wobble & Turkey Trot walk/run event at St. Mary's Park on November 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., to use the park, picnic shelter, parking lot and the Elm Avenue bike path, and recommending that Council approve the 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 resolution be adopted.

250 Approval of a Professional Services Agreement for Electrical Inspection and Plan Review Services.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a proposed Professional Services Agreement for Electrical Inspection and Plan Review Services, and recommending that Council approve the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Anthony Dawes to provide contracted electrical inspection and plan review services, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement subject to final review and recommendation by the City Attorney.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

251 Competitive Grant Assistance Program Resolution.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting a proposed resolution to accept a Competitive Grant Assistance Program Grant for additional funding to enhance the information technology services provided by the Monroe County IT Department, and recommending that Council approve the attached Resolution Accepting the CGAP Grant.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that all items of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated A be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Work Session held on October 21, 2013 and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 21, 2013.

Council Member Molenda noted that he could not access the minutes from his tablet so he had not been able to read them. He said that because of that he did not feel good about approving them.

It was moved by Council Member McKart and seconded by Council Member Hall that item A, the Minutes of the Council Work Session held on October 21, 2013 and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 21, 2013 be tabled until the next regular Council Meeting.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Kansier noted that tomorrow, November 5, is Election Day and said that the voter turnout in the last City Election was 19%. He said that number is a disappointment and that he hopes everyone will make it their priority to get out and vote.

Council Member Molenda noted that the Gobble Wobble & Turkey Trot Event to benefit the Monroe County Humane Society will be held on November 16, at St. Mary's Park and cited some of the activities that will take place during the walk/run event.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark also commented on Election Day and on Veterans Day and thanked Veterans for their service. He also announced that on Saturday, November 9 at 8:00 a.m., the Downtown Development Authority will decorate the downtown area and invited anyone who would like to help in the process. He also noted that beginning Tuesday, November 12 through Thursday, November 22 the City will host an educational opportunity for middle school students, high school students and the community to learn about the history of the War of 1812.

Citizens Comments.

Megan McCollum, 1222 East Front Street voiced her concern regarding the heroin addiction in Monroe County and said that on Thursday, November 22 there will be a rally in front of City Hall from 11:00 a.m. –

2:00 p.m. for parents and citizens. She said they chose this location so that the Mayor and City Council would be there to speak about the problem and what the community can do to help the city in battling the issue. She noted that MANTIS, a new drug enforcement organization in here now and she would like to see some funding set aside just for this problem.

Marley Ziegler, 15847 Keegan Road noted that there are frequent overdoses occurring in the city and county, needles lying everywhere and said that children cannot be outside without seeing needles lying all over. She said that she has a 15 year old teen that she is afraid to send to Monroe High School because of the drug problem.

Mayor Clark said that he looks forward to the rally on November 22 because it brings awareness of the problem to the residents and announced that on Tuesday, December 3 the Monroe County Prosecutor has called a summit as well to be held at Monroe County Community College and he encouraged the communities county wide to participate in that event as well. He invited all students from the Monroe County Community College who were at the meeting to stand and be recognized and thanked them for being there.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Hall and seconded by Council Member Kansier that the meeting adjourn at 7:53 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Sharon C. Malotky
Deputy City Clerk

Robert E. Clark
Mayor