

**CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Excused: Council Member McKart.

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

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation.

Presentation by Beckett & Reader regarding the River Raisin Corridor Plan.

Mayor Clark introduced Kristy Sommers, Principal Landscape Architect, Beckett & Reader.

Kristy Sommers, Principal Landscape Architect, Beckett & Reader gave a presentation on behalf the River Raisin Corridor Master Plan.

Council Action.

This item was tabled at the November 4, 2013 Council Meeting.

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. 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.

It was moved by Council Member Hall and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item A be removed from the table and placed on the floor for discussion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hall and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item A, be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 6 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 Regular Council Meeting held on November 4, 2013 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 7, 2013.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,091,334.70.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

252 Additional Costs for Sanitary Sewer Repairs – South Monroe Street.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a change order to the 2013 Water Main Replacement Program to cover additional costs for repairs to the South Monroe Street Sanitary Sewer, and recommending that Council award an additional change order to the 2013 Water Main Replacement Program contract (Location A) to Salenbien Trucking & Excavating, for the repairs to the sanitary sewer along South Monroe Street in the amount of \$22,818.46 (total costs less previous \$20,000 authorization), and further recommending that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to sign the change order on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

253 Bond Authorizing Resolution – 2013 Capital Improvement Bond.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting a proposed resolution authorizing the 2013 Capital Improvement Bond, and recommending that Council approve the Resolution Authorizing 2013 Capital Improvement Bonds.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

254 Professional Services for the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Cross Connection Inspection Program.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on proposals received for Professional Services for the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Cross Connection Inspection Program, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$12,504 for professional services to assist with implementation of the City's annual cross-connection control / backflow prevention program be awarded to Hydro Designs, Inc in accordance with their proposal dated November 12, 2013, and further recommending that the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities or his designee be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

255 Leaf Collection Award.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on the leaf collection contract, and recommending that Council authorize the Department of Public Services to contract with Gasper Recycling of Willis, Michigan for removal of leaves at a price of \$8.00 per

cubic yard, up to a maximum award of \$10,000, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute any necessary agreement on behalf of the City of Monroe.

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

256 M-125 (Monroe Street) Resurfacing Funding Contract with MDOT.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a proposed resolution approving the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to perform the resurfacing of M-125 (Monroe Street) through the City of Monroe beginning in April 2014, and recommending that the attached resolution be approved, and that the local share of the costs be appropriated as detailed in the financial information below.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

257 CDBG Sub-recipient Agreement with Oaks of Righteousness for Warming Shelter.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a sub-recipient agreement with the Oaks of Righteousness for assistance in funding its Warming Shelter for the 2013-14 winter, and recommending that Council approve the proposed CDBG sub-recipient agreement with the Oaks of Righteousness and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

258 Request from the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield to Hold Their Annual Commemoration of the Battles of the River Raisin on January 18, 2014.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield to hold the annual Commemoration of the Battles of the River Raisin on January 18, 2014, specifically: 1. to allow the use of the field on the corner of N. Dixie Highway and E. Elm Avenue for a military tactical demonstration from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., as well as the parking lot at the Monroe Multi Sports Complex, 2. March up to fifty (50) re-enactors, plus spectators, to the Battlefield Visitor Center to the demonstration area along the Heritage bike path, 3. Allow additional parking along Detroit Avenue and East Elm Avenue, and 4. Snow clearance from sidewalks, parking lots, etc., as may be necessary and within jurisdiction of the city, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon item 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 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.

259 SAW Grant Application and Resolution – Monroe Metropolitan Wastewater System Energy Conservation Improvements.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a proposed resolution authorizing an application to apply for the SAW Grant for Monroe Metropolitan Wastewater System Energy Conservation Improvements, and recommending that Council adopt the proposed Resolution in order to meet the December 2, 2013 SAW Grant program submittal deadline.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

260 Vehicle Auction Authorization.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a request for authorization to hold a public vehicle auction for two (2) vehicles that have been replaced with other units, and recommending that Council authorize the Department of Public Services to place these items into a public auction hosted by Rollo A. Juckett Auctioneer and/or Brad Neuhart, Auctioneer, and to allow them to secure a 10% commission on all items sold, and further recommending that all items on the attached spreadsheet be sold to the highest bidder at the auction.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

261 Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Conservation Improvements Financing.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater, submitting a proposed resolution and contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Conservation improvements financing, and recommending that Council approve the resolution and contract referenced for the financing of Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Conservation Improvements.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

262 Zinc Orthophosphate Tanks Removal and Replacement – Water Treatment Plant Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater, reporting back on bids received for the Zinc Orthophosphate Tanks removal and replacement at the Water Treatment Plant and recommending that Council approve a purchase order in the amount of \$39,047 and a total amount for \$43,000 be encumbered to include a 10% contingency, be awarded to Gratton Construction out of Monroe for the Removal and Replacement of the two Zinc Orthophosphate Tanks at the WTP as part of the fiscal year 2012-13 CIP project in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

263 Cost Sharing with the Monroe County Treasurer for the Demolition of 914 East First Street.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting an amendment to the Cost Sharing with the Monroe County Treasurer for the Demolition of 914 East First Street, and recommending that Council allocate \$7,900 from the City's demolition service

budget to cost share with the Monroe County Treasurer for the demolition of 914 East First Street; in accordance with the low bid received by the Treasurer's Office from Earthworks Concrete & Excavation, LLC, and further recommending that City Council allocate an additional \$5,600 to cover a portion of the cost of removal and disposal of the Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) and debris in accordance with the estimates received by the Treasurer's Office; resulting in a total City cost share of \$13,500.

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 Beneteau that items 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, and, 263 of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and that item 257 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

257 The communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a sub-recipient agreement with the Oaks of Righteousness for assistance in funding its Warming Shelter for the 2013-14 winter, and recommending that Council approve the proposed CDBG sub-recipient agreement with the Oaks of Righteousness and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Council Member Hall noted that he pulled this item to say thank you to the city and to Oaks of Righteousness for the compassion that they've shown in the community. He noted that homelessness is a serious issue and especially in this weather.

It was moved by Council Member Hall and seconded by Council Member Molenda that item 257 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Mayor Clark noted that CDBG sub-recipient grant and the use of these funds help support homelessness and that we have a County 10 year plan to help end homelessness.

Following comment, a vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Molenda said Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark announced that on Saturday, November 23 the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade and the DDA Christmas tree lighting and activities will begin at 4:00 p.m. and conclude with the tree lighting ceremony at 7:30 p.m. He noted that on that same day, the "Stuff the Bus" holiday food drive will be held, initiated by My 98.3, with 2 locations to drop off donations. The locations are Go Mad Fitness on Jones Avenue and at the Monroe Super Store on South Monroe Street and they will accept donations throughout the day. He commented on the War of 1812, the Gent table and the re-enactment of the events that school students have created. He said, on November 19 – 21 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. City Hall will be open to

those who want to view the table and to speak with someone about the Treaty of Gent and what the table signifies.

City Manager's Comments.

George Brown, City Manager announced that the distribution of leaf bags is over for the season and that yard waste pickup will continue through the week of December 2nd and will resume in the spring.

Mayor Clark noted that there were 70,000 leaf bags distributed to residents that came in to request them this season.

Citizens Comments.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road asked when the city will pave Western Avenue.

Mayor Clark said that staff did an assessment in October and that is what they do every fall. He said that from that assessment projects are proposed for the following spring.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services said that the work will begin next spring, around March, when the weather breaks.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Hall and seconded by Council Member Hensley that the meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Charles D. Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor