

CITY OF MONROE
FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

First meeting of the new City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:38 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Council Members Hensley, Iacoangeli, Vining, Molenda, Rafko, Sisk and Mayor Clark.

Father James Smalarz, St. John the Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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 Council Member or citizen.)

1 Proposed Resolution.

1. Communication from the Director of Finance, submitting a proposed resolution removing Charles D. Evans, as signatory for the City of Monroe, and adding Michelle J. LaVoy as Clerk Treasurer, authorized to sign checks drawn on general and restricted accounts of the City of Monroe.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

2 Authorization to Submit an American Battlefield Protection Program Planning Grant Application.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic and Community Development, submitting an American Battlefield Protection Program Planning Grant application, and recommending that the City Council authorize the submittal of an American Battlefield Protection Program Planning Grant application; and further authorize the City Manager to execute the grant application documents and a letter designating the funds already recommended for the River Raisin National Battlefield Foundation Staffing as local match toward this project.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

3 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.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Molenda that items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda be approved as indicated and that item 3 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

3. The communication from the Mayor's Office was presented, submitting a proposed resolution for appointments to various boards, commissions and committees, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.

Council Member Molenda clarified that Robert E. Clark's appointment to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and William D. Sisk's appointment to the Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees should be for 2 year term to January 13, 2016. He also asked if the appointments to the Legislative Contact Person and the Metropolitan Water Pollution Control Board were in fact one year terms.

Mayor Clark responded that the terms for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees should be amended to read January 13, 2016 and stated that the appointments for Legislative Contact Person and the Metropolitan Water Pollution Control Board were correct as written.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Sisk that item 3 be accepted as amended, placed on file and the resolution be adopted.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark welcomed retired Judge William LaVoy, State Representative Bill LaVoy, State Representative Dale Zorn, County Commissioners Robert Lambert and J. Henry Lievens, Scott Bentley, River Raisin National Battlefield Superintendent, Tim Lake, Director of Monroe County Business Development Corporation, Manual Hoskins, Fire Chief, Tom Moore, Chief of Police/Public Safety Director, Barry Laroy, Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities, and Dan Swallow, Director of Economic and Community Development and thanked them for attending.

Father James Smalarz, St. John the Baptist Church thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting him to attend stating that he was here on behalf of parishioners Gloria Rafko and John Iacoangeli. He stated that he supports Council with his prayers and offered any other support to help them in their endeavors.

Council Comments.

Council Member Hensley introduced his family and thanked those who made it to the meeting and the outgoing Council Members for their service on Council. He also welcomed the new members of Council.

Council Member Iacoangeli introduced his family and friends and said it is nice to be back to serve the community.

Council Member Vining introduced her family and friends and thanked those who helped her get through her campaign. She thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service and said that she looks forward to serving the citizens of Monroe.

Council Member Molenda thanked those who braved the weather to make the meeting. He introduced his family and thanked them and the community for their support. He welcomed the new Council Members and said that he looks forward to working with them.

Council Member Rafko thanked Father James Smalarz and all of those who were at the meeting for coming out in the current weather conditions and thanked all City employees who worked in whatever capacity today. She thanked everyone for their support and their vote and said that if they have any opinions or comments to please call her.

Council Member Sisk introduced his family and his predecessor, Brian Beneteau, and thanked them along with his Pastor for being in attendance at the meeting. He said that he looks forward to being involved and working with Council.

Michelle LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer thanked her family for being at the meeting for being so supportive. She also thanked Charles Evans for his help and support during the transition and the outgoing Council Members, the new Council Members and the staff for being supportive and helpful and for their dedication.

City Manager's Comments.

George Brown, City Manager said that he looks forward to working with Council.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark thanked Patricia Weaver, Mayor/Manager's Office Administrative Assistant for everything that she does and has done throughout the years. He thanked Judge Weipert for administering the Oath's of Office. He thanked Council for their willingness to serve the city and the community as an elected official. He spoke about local government, orientation of new Council Member's and conferences and workshops for new members. He said that he looks forward to working with Michelle LaVoy, the new Clerk-Treasurer. He spoke of various future opportunities of partnerships to make our community better. He thanked those who came out in support of Council.

Father James Smalarz, St. John the Baptist Church gave the benediction.

Mayor Clark invited everyone to join Council for a reception and friendly conversation.

Citizen Comments.

Robert Lambert, Vice-Chair, County Board of Commissioners congratulated Council and said he looks forward to working with them as they move the City of Monroe and the County of Monroe forward.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Molenda that the meeting adjourn at 8:14 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Michelle J. Lavoy
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor