

**CITY OF MONROE
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014**

Work Session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Council Member Molenda, Rafko (arrived 6:36 p.m.), Hensley, Iacoangeli and Mayor Clark.

Excused: Council Member Vining, Sisk.

Also Present: George Brown, City Manager
Ed Sell, Finance Director
Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Service
Peggy Howard, Director of Human Resources
Keith Woodcock, Building Official

George Brown, City Manager noted that Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services will discuss the Monroe Memorial landscape bed.

Mayor Clark said that nothing will be voted on because it is a work session is being held for informational purposes only.

Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services provided a packet with pictures of past Monroe Memorial landscape bed plantings, future project ideas and a couple of proposals; one for granite contour cut letters and one for the traditional Alternanthera planting.

Ed Sell, Finance Director noted that he emailed packets to Council prior to the meeting and said that the first reading of the budget ordinance will be on Monday, April 7, 2014, the public hearing and second reading are tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2014 and that the budget has to be adopted by April 30, 2014. He explained the budget preparation process. He briefly reviewed several departmental budgets, retiree health care liability, property tax revenue and taxable value, general fund revenue, personnel cost, major street fund, local street fund, refuse and parking fund. He also reviewed the Mayor/Manager budget and the Finance Department budget.

Sam Guich, Assessor provided Council with a handout of the department budget, property tax, personal property tax and board of review equivalent taxable value.

Peggy Howard, Director of Human Resources provided Council with a handout that covered Human Resources staff, HR functions, HR accomplishments, HR initiatives and future challenges.

Following discussion, Mayor Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Michelle J. LaVoy
Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor