

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentation.

Presentation from Anthony Reams and Peggy Richard, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, TMACOG and Membership regarding common issues and opportunities with the City of Monroe.

Communication.

154 Communication from Herbert E. Smith, Chairman of the Monroe Conservation District as an update of the district's fiscal financial situation.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer read the letter from Herbert E. Smith, Chairman of the Monroe Conservation District.

Mayor Clark asked Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities to give an update regarding the City of Monroe water system.

Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities provided a handout with bullet points to address specific issues and contributing factors of the Blue Green Algae / Microcystin problem in Lake Erie. He spoke to how the City of Monroe's water system treatment process is different from that of the Toledo's process.

Consent Agenda.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer noted that the Consent Agenda will be amended to add item 160, Arthur Lesow Community Center "Back 2 School" Backpack Event and to add Amended Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, July 21, 2014.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that the items to amend the Consent Agenda be accepted.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session held on Saturday, July 19, 2014, the Minutes of the Work Session held on Monday, July 21, 2014 and the Amended Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, July 21, 2014.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$ 512,913.59.

Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

155 Borgess Avenue Paving Bids.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on bids received for the paving section of Borgess Avenue located between Sylvan Drive and Stedman Drive, and recommending that Council award a contract for the Borgess Avenue Paving project to Dominic Gaglio Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$235,103.48, that a total of \$258,700 be encumbered to include a 10 % project contingency, and that the Finance Director be authorized to make the necessary transfers, 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.

156 Water Department Neptune Meter Reading Device and Meter Purchase.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, submitting a request to purchase thirty (30) 5/8"x5/8" Straight Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, one hundred fifty (150) 5/8"x3/4" Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, one hundred fifty (150) 5/8"x3/4" Neptune E-Coder I Pit Water Meters, two (2) 1-1/2' Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, five (5) 1-1/2' Neptune E-Coder I Pit Water Meters, five (5) 2" Neptune E-Coder I Inside Water Meters, five (5) 2" Neptune E-Coder I Pit Water Meters, one (1) 2" Neptune Tru Flow Compound Meter with E-Coder I, one(1) 2" Neptune Meter Strainer, one (1) 4" Neptune Tru Flow Compound Meter with E-Coder I, and one (1) 4" Neptune Meter Strainer, and recommending that a purchase order be issued to Michigan Meter Technology Group totaling \$76,560 to provide the Water Department Neptune radio reading devices and meters and that the bid process be waived.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

157 Water Distribution Materials Bid.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on bids received for Water Department Distribution Materials for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Division 1, Coupling MIP, 95 Units, ETNA for a total cost of \$1,277.75, Division 2, Coupling FIP, 75 Units, SLC, for a total cost of \$1,122.75, Division 3, Mueller Meter Pit, 30 Units, HD Supply, for a total cost of \$11,565.90, Division 4, Tapping Saddle, 60 Units, ETNA, for a total cost of \$2,559, Division 5, Comp Corp Stops, 90 Units ETNA, for a total cost of \$3,897, Division 6, Comp Curb Stops, 90 Units, ETNA, for a total cost of \$6,408, Division 7, Comp Coupling, 20 Units, ETNA, for a total cost of \$272, Division 8, Comp Coupling, 50 Units, ETNA, for a total cost of \$719, Division 9, Comp Coupling Galv to Copper, 5 Units, HD Supply, for a total cost of \$79.75, Division 10, Curb Box Stop & Rod, 90 Units, ETNA, for a total cost of \$5,670, Division 11, K-Copper, 7000 Units, ETNA, for a total cost of \$26,390, Division 12, K-Copper, 100 Units, ETNA, for a total cost of \$290, Division 13, Stainless Repair Clamp, 30 Units, HD Supply, for a total cost of \$2,220, Division 14, Stainless Repair Clamp, 20 Units, HD Supply, for a total cost of \$1,738.40, Division 15, Stainless Repair Clamp, 5 Units, HD Supply, for a total cost of \$566.25, Division 16, Stainless Repair Clamp, 5 Units, HD Supply, for a total cost of \$656.25, Division 17, Fire Hydrants, 10 Units, EJIW, for a total cost of \$15,838.20, Division 18, Resilient Wedge Gate Valve, 10 Units, EJIW, for a total cost of \$4,487.70, Division 19, Resilient Wedge Gate Valve, 5 Units, EJIW, for a total cost of \$3,612.90, Division 20, Resilient Wedge Gate Valve, 5 Units, EJIW, for a total cost of \$7,128.60, Division 21, Copperhorn, 15 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$798.30, Division 22, Copperhorn, 60 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$4,986, Division 23, Ball Valve Threaded, 80 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$1,680, Division 24, Ball Valve Threaded, 15 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$249.75, Division 25, Meter Resetter 12", 5 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$368.25, Division 26, U-Branch, 5 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$267.50, Division 27, U-Branch Male, 5 Units, ETNA, in the amount of

\$258.75, Division 28, U-Branch Female, 5 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$256.25, Division 29, Valve Box 5 ¼, 25 Units, EJIW, in the amount of \$4,146.75, Division 30, Mega-Lugs Ductile, 30 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$598.50, Division 31, Mega-Lugs Ductile, 20 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$599, Division 32, Core Blue T-Bolts 4", 600 Units, ETNA, in the amount of \$1,020, Division 33, Hy-Max Coupling, 10 Units, HD Supply, in the amount of \$1,870, Division 34, Hy-Max Coupling, 5 Units, Kuhlman, in the amount of \$1,025, Division 35, Hy-Max Coupling, 5 Units, SLC, in the amount of \$1,747.90, and recommending that the bidders be awarded the respective divisions and for purchase orders to be issued based on the unit prices and duration for providing Water Distribution Materials in accordance with the bid specifications.

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

158 Purchase of 1305 East Front Street from the Estate of Robert & Julia Turner for Addition to the City's Hellenberg Field Property.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a purchase agreement for the purchase of property located at 1305 East Front Street, and recommending that Council approve the purchase of 1305 East Front Street (Parcel ID #49-01462-000) from the Estate of Robert & Julia Turner for addition to the City's Hellenberg Field property, and authorize the City Manager to execute the requisite agreements and closing documents to complete the purchase of property, subject to review by the City Attorney, and further recommending that Council authorize the expenditure of the purchase price of \$60,000, plus a contingency of \$1,000 to cover any closing costs incurred by the City, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$61,000.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

159 VFW Post – "Heroes Parade".

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from Commander Burchfield, VFW Post 1138 on behalf of the Military families of Monroe for permission to hold a "Heroes Parade" on September 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., to close the affected streets and to waive all fees and charges, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, 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.

160 Arthur Lesow Community Center "Back 2 School" Backpack Event.

1. Communication from City Manager's Office, submitting a request from Tanya Dickerson, ALCC Program Director, for permission to hold the annual "Back 2 School, Supplying Our Future Backpack Event" on August 16, 2014, to use the back parking lot of the ALCC, 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.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Hensley that items 155, 156, 157, 159 and 160 of the Amended Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 158 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

158 The communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a purchase agreement for the purchase of property located at 1305 East Front Street, and recommending that Council approve the purchase of 1305 East Front Street (Parcel ID #49-01462-000) from the Estate of Robert & Julia Turner for addition to the City's Hellenberg Field property, and authorize the City Manager to execute the requisite agreements and closing documents to complete the purchase of property, subject to review by the City Attorney, and further recommending that Council authorize the expenditure of the purchase price of \$60,000, plus a contingency of \$1,000 to cover any closing costs incurred by the City, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$61,000.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road asked if Council will to continue to add to Hellenberg Field after this purchase and asked what side of Front Street is the property located.

Mayor Clark said that the property is on the north side of East Front Street and the only residential property that remains in the Hellenberg Park area. He said it is also part of the long term River Raisin Corridor Plan so when the property was available through an estate sale staff recommended that the property be purchased.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road said he was just curious because it increases the cost of everyone's taxes.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Rafko that item 158 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Iacoangeli congratulated Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development, Jeff Green, City Planner & Historic Preservation Officer and Matt Wallace, Planner 1 for securing a \$70,000 Battlefield grant as a continuation of that effort. He said the Mayor mentioned at a Council Work Session that he had spoken to Mr. James A. McDevitt, Supervisor of Frenchtown Township and Mr. Al Barron, Supervisor of Monroe Township regarding the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, MMSC and that both of them thought that their Board Members would not be willing to financially contribute but they had other suggestions regarding fees for non-residents.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Rafko that the City Manager meet with Lou Lombardo, Manager, MMSC and Loretta LaPointe, Recreation Manager to draft an activity fees schedule for the MMSC for residents and non-residents.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Member Iacoangeli said that he was impressed by the professionalism of the Water Department Staff during the water crisis.

Council Member Vining thanked Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities and his staff as well as the City Manager and all who participated in keeping everyone updated on Toledo and South County water situation. She also thanked Patrick Lewis, Director of Engineering & Public Services and his staff for a job completed at the railroad tracks near Eastchester.

Council Member Rafko commented on meeting with the exchange students from Hofu, Japan and their host families at the IHM. She also noted that last week they toured the DTE location in Monroe and had dinner with Council Member Hensley and his coworkers. She thanked each resident who attended and provided input at the M-125 information meeting last week.

Council Member Hensley on also thanked the Mr. LaRoy and the Water Department staff for keeping our water safe and thanked Mr. Lewis and his staff for tearing up the first precinct and urged the residents in that precinct to be patient because it will be worth it when the job is done. He commented on the presentation from TMACOG and said that he sees the value in the work that that organization does.

It was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Sisk that the city take the necessary steps to join the TMACOG Organization.

Council Member Molenda said that he would not be supportive in a vote at this time because he has not had an opportunity to look into what the organization has to offer and what "participation" means. He asked if it would be appropriate for him to abstain from the vote because he doesn't want his "no" vote to imply that Council shouldn't do it.

Council Member Sisk said he would be willing to back off his support of the motion and bring it back at the next meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Sisk that the direction regarding TMACOG be placed on the next regular meeting agenda scheduled for August 18.

Tom Ready, Attorney noted that an extension would not be appropriate but a motion to postpone would be.

Mayor Clark called for a vote on the motion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark also thanked Mr. LaRoy and the Water Department for their efforts over the weekend. He also thanked the Mr. Woodcock and the Building Department for their assistance with some issues at the Navarre Library to make sure that it is ready to go for the election tomorrow.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comments.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer noted that the August State Primary Election is tomorrow, August 5, and that the polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. She said if a resident is unsure about their polling location to call the Clerk's Office or visit the City of Monroe or State of Michigan websites for information. She also reminded those with absentee ballots to get them turned in so that their vote can be counted. She thanked Mr. Woodcock who helped to ensure that Precinct 3S would be available on Election Day and thanked the community and city staff for their help with the election process because it is not just the City Clerk or the County Clerk who run the elections, it happens because of everyone. She commented about the calendar on the city's website and said that the Clerk's Office will post information regarding future election dates.

Mayor Clark noted that Council had a Work Session this evening and that one of the items that was disseminated in looking for Council's input and continued exchanges was the City Manager's evaluation. He said that Council has a

template to provide input and he wants everyone to know that collectively Council is going to have some participation opportunities as they move forward.

Citizen's Comments.

Pat McElligott, 813 Reisig Street complemented DTE, Michigan Gas and the City of Monroe for coming together on the floral arrangement at Front and Third Street and said that he has full faith in Barry LaRoy, Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities and in George Brown, City Manager and touted him for all of the road work that has occurred under his watch. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Executive Closed Session.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that Council convene to Closed Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that Council reconvene to Open Session.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that the Public Hearing regarding Knight's Inn be postponed until further notice.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that the meeting adjourn at 8:44 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Michelle J. LaVoy
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor