

**CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Council Action.

198 Postponed at the October 6, 2014 meeting.

The communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a professional services Schematic Design Contract for a new Public Safety Building, and recommending that Council award a professional services contract for a full schematic design for a public safety facility in the amount of \$135,000 to Redstone Architects, Inc., and that the City Manager, Director of Engineering & Public Services, or their designee be authorized to execute any necessary and appropriate agreements on behalf of the City. It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that item 198 be postponed and return with schematic for fire station and block design on build out at the next meeting.

A revised proposal for a new Public Safety Building Schematic Design was presented to Council allocating a required transfer of \$89,000 from the City's budget contingency.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that revised item 198 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session held on Monday, October 6, 2014 and the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, October 6, 2014.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$ 947,845.82.
Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.

206 Addition of 10% Interest on Unpaid Special Assessments.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution authorizing the addition of a 10% interest to all delinquent special assessments and then be reassessed and added onto the winter tax bill, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

207 Installation of New Public Storm Sewer – McCormick Drive Between Lavender Street and Calgary Drive – Special Assessment Resolution Number 1.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting Resolution No. 1 in the special assessment process declaring the installation of a new public storm sewer to service McCormick Drive between Lavender Street and Calgary Drive, and recommending that the attached Resolution No. 1 be adopted, which directs the Engineering Department to prepare plans, specifications, and cost estimates for this project.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and resolution be adopted.

208 Clarifier Cathodic Protection Removal and Replacement Bid – Water Treatment Plant.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on quotes of costs received for Clarifier Cathodic Protection Removal and Replacement at the Water Treatment Plant, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$19,800 and a total amount of \$20,800 be encumbered to include a 5% contingency, be awarded to Corrpro Companies, Inc for the WTP Clarifier Cathodic Protection Removal and Replacement project as part of the fiscal year 2014-2015 CIP project in accordance with the bid specifications.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

209 Demolition of 635 Winchester – Fire Damaged / Destroyed.

1. Communication from the Building Official, reporting back on quotes received for the demolition of 635 Winchester Street, and recommending that Council allocate \$10,199 for demolition, \$345 for water disconnect, a 10% contingency, minus \$8,426 insurance check for a total cost of \$3,177, and further recommending that Council authorize Ready, Heller and Ready, City Attorney, to pursue all legal avenues for reimbursement for the amount paid out by the City from any and all equitable lien holders in the property.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

210 Home Builders & Remodelers Association Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the Home Builders & Remodelers Association for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from February 9 – March 2, 2015, announcing the annual Home Builders & Remodelers Show, and recommending approval of the request.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

211 Property and Liability Insurance Consultant.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting a proposal to hire a consultant to assist with the RFP program, and recommending that Council approve the proposal submitted by Daly Merritt Insurance, Inc., for Property and Liability Insurance Request for Proposal Consulting and Administration in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that items 206, 207, 208, 209, 210 and 211 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Molenda commented on the Farmers Market and Downtown Trick or Treating, Public Safety, the heroin addiction in this area and the potential of reconfiguration of the Park and Recreation Department.

Council Member Rafko commented on the Monroe Bank & Trust family day at the fairgrounds and the MML Conference in Marquette.

Council Member Sisk commented on the number of firefighters and the location of Council Work Sessions.

Council Member Iacoangeli commented on the passing and life of Robert (Bucky) Bert, City of Monroe retiree. He also commented about the MML Conference, Council Goals & Objectives and asked Dan Swallow to indicate when he and the Building Official plan to address Council regarding the status of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone.

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development said that the Planning Commission looked at all of the documentation and has recommended that it be moved forward to Council. He noted that the final review of the ordinance will be the last step and he anticipates bringing a package to Council by the first or second meeting in November.

Council Member Iacoangeli also asked about the Target Market Analysis and if the DDA will participate with the City.

Dan Swallow, Director of Economic & Community Development said that the correspondence from the Mayor went to the DDA to request that they help with the funding through a MSHDA Grant. He noted that at this point they're not ready to allocate funding but are looking into it further.

Council Member Iacoangeli said that he would like to invite the DDA Chairman and the CPC Chairman to the next Council Meeting to give a report of their goals and objectives.

Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Clark recognized the students in attendance and asked them to stand. He announced PFC Brancheau's homecoming is on Saturday at 3:00 p.m., and commented on Council Goals & Objectives. He commented on the discussion at the MML Conference, Public Safety staffing levels and their duties. He recognized that State Representative's Bill LaVoy and Dale Zorn were in attendance and invited them to address Council.

Bill LaVoy, State Representative commented on road funding, the number of days in session remaining in 2014 and urged the public to contact him in Lansing with their thoughts on issues. He reminded everyone to vote in the General Election on November 4. He noted that he is in support of Downtown Development Authorities and will vote in favor of positive matters concerning them. He said that he is not in support of traffic cameras.

Dale Zorn, State Representative commented on a potential change in Downtown Development Authorities and said that he probably would support the change because anything currently in progress could be damaged and he wants to make sure that the city is held harmless for any projects that are currently going. He said that he is not in support of traffic cameras. He said that they have 13 days left in session this year and commented about changes to the funding program for road rehabilitation.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comments.

Michelle LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer noted that absentee ballot applications and ballots are still available and being issued and accepted at the Clerk's counter. She gave an update about the recent litigation and rules that govern the return of absentee ballot applications and ballots to the Clerk's Office. She noted that she had recently been in Lansing to offer testimony regarding the future of election equipment and to ensure that legislatures understand that we should have a voice in what kind of election equipment that we use at our local level. She urged everyone to take

note of issues at the state level and to contact their state representative or local Clerk regarding concerns that they have.

Citizen's Comments.

George Brown, City Manager also commented on the MML Conference and the information regarding a Recreation Authority that was covered at the meeting.

Citizen's Comments

David Smith, 530 Hollywood Drive asked about the rehabilitation status of the Sawyer House.

Mayor Clark explained that the damage was extensive and that progress is being made. He said that the reconstructive work is complete and that the decorative process is underway. He suggested that the Planning Department can give more detail as to the progress of the rehabilitation.

Lance Sotille, MPACT Program Director commented on the recently acquired radio station and noted that Clerk LaVoy has recorded some Public Services Announcements, PSA's, for the election and encouraged the Mayor and Council to record them for other city related items.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Rafko that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Michelle J. LaVoy
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor