

**CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Proclamation.

224 National Native American Heritage Month – November 2014.

Presentation.

Presentation by Ed Sell, Finance Director regarding the 2015 Budget Status and 2016 Projection.

Public Hearing.

213 This being the date set to hear public comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 14-006, an Ordinance to amend Sections 699-01 and 699-32 of Chapter 699, Water, of the Code of the City of Monroe and there being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and no person's present commenting, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Council Action.

213 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Sisk that Proposed Ordinance No. 14-006, an Ordinance to amend Sections 699-01 and 699-32 of Chapter 699, Water, of The Code of the City of Monroe be placed on its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 14-006, was then presented for the second time after which the Mayor asked, "Shall this ordinance pass?"

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on November 3, 2014 and the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer noted that the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on November 3, should be amended to add the votes of the Council Members who came in after the initial roll call, the last two (2) motions should have a total of 7 ayes.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$ 511,718.86.

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

225 Building & Safety Department Field Tablet, Two in One Computers Purchase.

1. Communication from the Building Official, submitting a request to purchase two in one field tablet computers for the Building & Safety Department, and recommending that Council authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to encumber the appropriate funds to purchase the tablet computers as proposed by the County of Monroe IT Department.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

226 East Lorain Street Dedication – East of Michigan Avenue.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a proposed resolution to dedicate the section of East Lorain Street that was extended across the Mason Run Drain, east of Michigan Avenue into the Local Street System, and recommending that Council adopt the attached resolution accepting the above street into the City of Monroe's Local Street System.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

227 Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant Acceptance.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on the Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant titled "Pilot Project to Eliminate the Flowering Rush in the River Raisin", and recommending that Council accept the Monroe County Environmental Fund Grant titled "Pilot Project to Eliminate the Flowering Rush in the River Raisin" in the amount of \$3,000 and for the City Manager or his designee be authorized to sign related grant documents on behalf of the City of Monroe to complete the project.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

228 Traffic Control Orders.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, submitting a Traffic Control Order to replace the existing half-width stone roadway known as Borgess Avenue, and recommending that Council approve Traffic Control Orders 015-002, 180-002, 181-002, 184-002, and 186-002.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

229 City of Monroe Water System Reliability Study and General Plan Proposals.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on proposals received for the City of Monroe Water System Reliability Study and General Plan, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$24,370 for professional engineering consulting services to perform a Water System Reliability Study and General Plan on the City of Monroe Water System be awarded to Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. according to their proposal dated November 6, 2014, and further recommending that the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe (if needed).
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

230 Repair of Desiccant Wheel in Dehumidifier for Ice Rink Compressor System.

1. Communication from the General Manager of the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, reporting back on quotes to repair the Desiccant Wheel in the Dehumidification System, and recommending that Council approve the

proposal from Thompson Plumbing, Heating & A.C. to perform the needed repairs for the MMSC dehumidification system in an amount not to exceed \$27,000, and that the sealed bid process be waived.

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

231 Repair of Motor for Ice Rink Compressor System.

1. Communication from the General Manager of the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, reporting back on quotes to repair the motor for the Ice Rink Compressor System, and recommending that Council approve the purchase of a new compressor motor from Toromont Cimco with a cap of \$7,000 which would include any unforeseen additions and that the sealed bid process be waived.
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 Rafko that items 225, 226, 227, 228 and 229 of the Consent Agenda and the amended Minutes be approved as presented and that item 230 and 231 be pulled and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

230 The communication from the General Manager of the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex was presented, reporting back on quotes to repair the Desiccant Wheel in the Dehumidification System, and recommending that Council approve the proposal from Thompson Plumbing, Heating & A.C. to perform the needed repairs for the MMSC dehumidification system in an amount not to exceed \$27,000, and that the sealed bid process be waived.

Council Member Molenda said that this item has a revised Fact Sheet and that he sees a bolded, underlined word in the title and wonders if it is just a typo and asked the City Manager to comment on the revision.

George Brown explained that the word Incandescent is replace by the word Desiccant and that is the only change.

Council Member Hensley noted that this is a \$27,000 item and asked what the real purpose of it is and will the repair last a while.

Lou Lombardo, General Manager MMSC said that the Desiccant Wheel is used to pull out the humidity from within the rink and those usually last 8-10 years. He said that this one lasted only 6 years.

Council discussed future expenditures for the MMSC in relation to the overall budget as well as the need to conduct further discussion regarding future use.

Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sisk and seconded by Council Member Molenda that item 230 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

231 The communication from the General Manager of the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex was presented, reporting back on quotes to repair the motor for the Ice Rink Compressor System, and recommending that Council approve the purchase of a new compressor motor from Toromont Cimco with a cap of \$7,000 which would include any unforeseen additions and that the sealed bid process be waived.

Council Member Molenda said that he noticed, while reviewing this item that the recommended bid did not include the labor costs and said labor costs may be included in the final quote but that it is not clear if that is the case.

Council Member Iacoangeli also noted that the bid is from a company out of Canada so he would like to know what currency will be used, because there is 15-17% difference in the two (2) currencies.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that item 231 be postponed until the next regular Council Meeting to be held on December 1, 2014, to verify labor costs and currency.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Rafko noted that she attended the anniversary for the Enlist Volunteers from Monroe Bank & Trust on Thursday, November 6 and commented about the run for the Special Olympics on Sunday, November 9. She commented on how many people came to decorate the downtown area on Saturday, November 15 and noted that they added purple ribbons in support of Chelsea Bruck who has been missing since mid October. She announced the Holiday Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting will be this weekend and next week is the Firefighters Thanksgiving dinner at St. Joes. She also announced that the Coney Island on M-50, just past Waterloo School, is hosting a free meal all day on Thanksgiving.

Council Member Sisk asked if there has been any progress hiring Firefighters.

George Brown, City Manager said that a new firefighter will start work on November 24, and he expects a report anytime on a second firefighter. He said they are going back to the list to choose a third one to go through the process. He said that they hope to have all three positions filled by Christmas.

Council Member Sisk asked if the utility vehicle for the Fire Department that was approved by Council has been delivered.

George Brown, City Manager said yes that the SUV has been delivered and is being fitted out with the necessary equipment and said it is being done in-house.

Council Member Hensley reminded everyone to please shovel their sidewalks, to clear the black ice and to drive safely during the snow event tomorrow.

Council Member Iacoangeli thanked administrative staff and City Manager for their participation in the demonstration of an application for iPhones and Androids called See, Click, Fix and said it's like having a Blight Inspector in your hand. He thanked the Director of Engineering & Public Services and the Director of Economic & Community Development for their work and diligence in obtaining a tree grant from the DNR and a tap grant from MDOT which will be used for streetscape, historic lighting and sidewalks on North Monroe Street from Elm Avenue to Willow Street on both sides of the street. He requested that the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Safety bring each new employee to a Council Meeting to be introduced and he assured the citizens that the Finance Director is extremely frugal.

Council Member Vining reminded everyone that the warming center, currently being run by Oaks of Righteousness Church, 1018 East Second Street, (734) 241-5590 is open for shelter from 8:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. and they serve breakfast and dinner. She noted that Pastor Heather Boone will be happy to help anyone who needs shelter or a meal or both. She noted that the shelter will also accept donations.

Council Member Molenda commented on some personal issues in his life and commented on the recent grants that have been awarded to the City.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark recognized and asked the MCCC students who were in attendance at the meeting to stand. He spoke about serving on City Boards, Committees and Commissions and thanked the DDA for decorating downtown and for

their support in the search for Chelsea Bruck. He commented about the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting events this weekend.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments.

Michelle LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer thanked the Clerk's Office staff and Election Inspectors for their part in the Election Day process and updated Council on the progress that has been made to enable the Treasurer's Office to accept credit card payments at the counter for property taxes. She thanked the Deputy Treasurer and everyone who has helped her bring the project to completion.

City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager noted that the city is widening and repaving the trail on the Mark Worrell segment of the North Custer Trail, west of Veterans Park to the crossing on North Custer.

Citizen Comments

Jayme Vick, Assistant Manager MMSC announced that the MMSC will host a special initiative canned and non-perishable food drive during the holiday season, from Thanksgiving until New Years Eve and a donation will entitle the person to \$1 off general admissions for open skate and drop and puck hockey.

Closed Executive Session.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Vining that Council convene to closed executive session at 8:35 p.m., to discuss Pending Litigation and Collective Bargaining.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hensley and seconded by Council Member Sisk that Council reconvene to open session at 9:09 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Sisk and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that the meeting adjourn at 9:09 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Michelle J. LaVoy
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor