

CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Presentation.

Presentation by Plante & Moran regarding the June 30, 2014 audit.

Mayor Clark asked the Fire Chief to introduce the new Firefighters.

Rob Wight, Fire Chief introduced Dan Little and Steve Zawicki, newly hired Firefighters and noted that Scott Smiley, Firefighter has been employed with the City for thirteen years and was recently promoted to Sergeant Inspector.

Council Action.

231 Postponed at the November 17, 2014.

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

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that item 231 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

232 It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Rafko that Proposed Ordinance 14-007, an Ordinance to amend §127-6 of Chapter 127, Retirement, Article I, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, of the Code of the City of Monroe be placed on the floor for its first reading and set for the public hearing on December 15, 2014.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 14-007, was then presented for the first time and laid over for its second reading and public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session held on November 17, 2014 and the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2014.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$810,069.74.

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

233 Appointment 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.

234 MDNR Community Forestry Grant Acceptance and Matching Funds Appropriation.

1. Communication from the Director of Engineering & Public Services, reporting back on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Community Forestry Grant and Matching Funds Appropriation for the second phase of the Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System and recommending that a professional services award be made to the Remote Sensing and GIS Research and Outreach Services at Michigan State University for Phase Two (Tree Inventory and GIS Data Layer) of the above work in the amount of up to \$49,720, that a professional services award be made to Geographic Information Services, Inc., in the amount of \$4,850 for data integration, and that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute any necessary agreement documents for either contract on behalf of the City, and further recommending that the Director of Engineering & Public Services be authorized to execute the attached grant agreement and return to the MDNR on behalf of the City.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

235 Water Department Fiscal Year 2014-15 Cross Connection Inspection Proposals.

1. Communication from the Director of Water & Wastewater Utilities, reporting back on proposals for professional services for the fiscal year 2014-15 Cross Connection Inspection Program, and recommending that a purchase order in the amount of \$12,504 for professional services to assist with implementation of the City's annual cross-connection control / backflow prevention program be awarded to Hydro Designs, Inc in accordance with their proposal dated November 19, 2014, and further recommending that the Director of Water & Wastewater or his designee be authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Monroe
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

236 2015 Healthcare Contributions.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, submitting the proposed healthcare contribution sheet per group, and recommending that Council approve the City Manager to offer to each of the bargaining units that have a contract with the City that will be effective January 1, 2015, and to implement for non-union employees, the appropriate healthcare contribution sheets that are attached and marked as proposed, under the terms that this is a onetime offer for the 2015 calendar year, that it is non-precedent setting, and that the rates for 2016 will revert back to those set by the current contracts and policies in place or applicable statutory requirements. If not accepted by December 20, 2014, the rates would stay at those provided for in the current contracts, policies, and applicable law.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

237 Contract with Ron Noel Lawn Service for Downtown Curb-line Snow Removal and Sidewalk Ordinance Snow Removal.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development submitting a contract with Ron Noel Lawn Service for Downtown Curb-line Snow Removal and Sidewalk Ordinance Snow Removal and recommending that City Council approve the proposed contract with Ron Noel Lawn Service for Downtown Curb-line Snow Removal and Sidewalk Ordinance Snow Removal in accordance with the bid specifications,

noting that funding for the curb-line snow removal portion of the work will be funded in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 by the Monroe Downtown Development Authority, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute the contract.

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

238 Approval of an Option to Purchase 8 N. Monroe Street and Evaluate its Potential Use as a Library and Community Events/Conference Center.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic and Community Development submitting a proposed Option to Purchase Real Property located at 8 N. Monroe Street, and recommending that City Council approve the proposed Option for the Purchase of Real Property with Bernard and Mary Beneteau for the potential purchase of 8 N. Monroe Street, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute the option agreement and further recommending that City Council authorize the City Manager and Staff to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to perform a feasibility and cost analysis for use of 8 N. Monroe Street as a library and community events/conference center.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that items 233, 234, 235, 236 and 237 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 238 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

238 The communication from the Director of Economic and Community Development was presented, submitting a proposed Option to Purchase Real Property located at 8 N. Monroe Street, and recommending that City Council approve the proposed Option for the Purchase of Real Property with Bernard and Mary Beneteau for the potential purchase of 8 N. Monroe Street, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute the option agreement and further recommending that City Council authorize the City Manager and Staff to solicit proposals from qualified consultants to perform a feasibility and cost analysis for use of 8 N. Monroe Street as a library and community events/conference center.

Council Member Sisk said that he has received a lot of feedback on this item and most of it has been positive. He said even though he had a bit of negative feedback regarding the cost, he supports the item and asked what the plans are for the United Furniture Building.

George Brown, City Manager provided history about the United Furniture building and said that the architectural study on that building will be compared with the one proposed on this item, if approved. He said that the Economic & Community Development Director solicited proposals for the sale of the United Furniture building which showed some interest and discussion. He said they hope to bring the information to Council within the next few weeks for discussion during a Work Session.

It was moved by Council Member Sisk and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that item 238 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.

Council Comments.

Council Member Sisk commented about the residential fire in Riverside Manor on Thanksgiving Day and about minimum staffing at the Fire Department.

Council Member Iacoangeli commented about an active list to draw from for police and fire in the case of an opening.

Council Member Hensley commented about the fire in Riverside Manor subdivision.

Rob Wight, Fire Chief commented on minimum staffing and response to the fire in Riverside Manor.

Council Member Vining commented on the Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the Fire Department.

Council Member Molenda commented on minimum staffing in the Public Safety Division and announced that the RRCA will give a performance of the Nut Cracker this weekend.

Council Member Rafko commented on the Thanksgiving meal prepared by the Fire Department, and the one prepared by Coney Island. She also commented about the Monroe Police Department's shopping day with children and the Drug Summit at the MCCC.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on the Drug Summit, the SMCC ladies volley ball team and the SMCC's football game at Ford Field. He thanked Ed Sell, Finance Department for his part in getting revenue for the City and for his work with Plante & Moran. He recognized and welcomed the new Firefighters and said he hoped that Council's dialog did not concern them because dialog is good for stating ones position. He recognized and asked the MCCC students who were at the meeting to stand. He also commented on the Sawyer Homestead Restoration completion date and said it is expected to be sometime in January.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer announced that tax bills were mailed on Friday, November 28 and that tax bills can now be paid with credit card at the City Treasurer's Office

City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager noted that this is the last week for leaf bag pick-up on your regular refuse day, and said that if the weather permits the street sweeper will be out one more time this season.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Rafko that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Michelle J. LaVoy
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor