

**CITY OF MONROE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014**

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, December 15, 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.

Public Hearing.

232 This being the date set to hear public comments on proposed Ordinance No. 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, and there being no persons present commenting and no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Council Action.

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 its final reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 14-007, 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 Work Session held on December 1, 2014, the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, December 1, 2014 and the Minutes of the Work Session held on Monday, December 8, 2014.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$ 574,537.75.

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

239 Huron Valley Sport Fishing Club Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Huron Valley Sport Fishing Club for permission to display a banner across Monroe Street from January 19 – February 9, 2015, announcing their expo on February 7 & 8, 2015, and recommending approval of the request subject to meeting qualifications outlined in the banner policy with no reduction in application fees.

2. Supporting documents.

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

240 Agenda and Meeting Management Software.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, reporting back on proposals received for Agenda and Meeting Management Software, and recommending that Council approve entering into a software licensing agreement with Accela for the MinuteTraq software at a monthly discounted cost of \$652 per month or \$7,824 per year.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

241 Consider Awarding Community Development Block Grant FOX Projects to Pranam GlobalTech.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, reporting back on beds received for the recipients of the CDBG FIX Program, and recommending that Council award the Community Development Block Grant FIX contracts to Pranam GlobalTech for all three (3) with a budget of \$24,250 plus an additional \$749 in contingencies for Humphrey, \$23,000 plus \$1,499 in contingencies for Bayview and \$23,000 plus \$1,499 in contingencies for West Eighth, and further recommending that Council authorize staff to take the necessary steps to complete each project in compliance with federal regulations, including drafting agreements to be signed by each homeowner and contractor.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

242 Cost Sharing with the Monroe County Treasurer for the Demolition of 1102-1114 East Second Street.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a request for cost sharing with the Monroe County Treasurer for the demolition of 1102-1114 East Second Street, and recommending that Council approve \$34,300 from the City's demolition service budget to cost share with the Monroe County Treasurer for the demolition of the buildings located at 1102-1114 East Second Street; in accordance with the low bid received by the County Treasurer's Office from McBee Trucking & Excavating, and further recommending that Council approve and encumber \$31,500 based on the lowest quote from TEK Environmental & Consulting Services to cover the cost of a survey and abatement of any Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM), resulting in a total City contribution of up to \$65,800., an increase of \$20,425 from the original approval by Council at its July 7, 2014 meeting.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

243 Proposed Land Division – 221 & 231 W. Seventh Street.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting a land division request to divide the property located at 221 & 231 W. Seventh Street, and the Citizens Planning Commission is recommending that Council approve the proposed land division for Parcel #29-00026-000, and that the Zoning Board of Appeals approved all applicable variances on December 9, 2014.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

244 Multi-Sports Complex Heating Boiler Replacement.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, reporting back on bids received for the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex Heating Boiler replacement, and recommending that Council confirm under section 114-8 of the purchasing ordinance the purchase order issued to Monroe Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$14,854 for the replacement of the heating boiler at the Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, and that a total of \$16,000 is approved to cover possible contingencies.

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

It was moved by Council Member Sisk and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that items 239, 240, 241, 243 and 244 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 242 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

242 The communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development was presented, submitting a request for cost sharing with the Monroe County Treasurer for the demolition of 1102-1114 East Second Street, and recommending that Council approve \$34,300 from the City's demolition service budget to cost share with the Monroe County Treasurer for the demolition of the buildings located at 1102-1114 East Second Street; in accordance with the low bid received by the County Treasurer's Office from McBee Trucking & Excavating, and further recommending that Council approve and encumber \$31,500 based on the lowest quote from TEK Environmental & Consulting Services to cover the cost of a survey and abatement of any Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM), resulting in a total City contribution of up to \$65,800., an increase of \$20,425 from the original approval by Council at its July 7, 2014 meeting.

Council Member Molenda pulled the item and said that he had already answered his own question.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that item 242 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Sisk wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and said he looks forward to a lively 2015.

Council Member Hensley wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Iacoangeli asked about the RAC Ordinance and their request for additional funding.

George Brown, City Manager said the ordinance should be introduced shortly after the first of the year and communication from Recreation Staff should be available probably before Christmas in regards to their recommendation for the RAC funding request.

Council Member Iacoangeli said he would like the City Manager to prepare a light paper regarding the future of Public Safety, Police and Fire in terms of capacity of manpower. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Vining said it is sad that another historic building will be demolished at 1102-1114 E. Second Street and said she wants to meet with Dan Swallow about the development of the property. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member Molenda commented on the collection of yard waste and asked about the best way to get rid of it after the last pick up for the season. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

George Brown, City Manager said that if residents have left over yard waste, it should be stored and set out in the spring.

Council Member Rafko noted that the TMACOG Conference on December 22 will address the blue algae. She also commented on the COTE and two new businesses' downtown, Serendipitous and Glenn's Irish Pub. She wished everyone Merry Christmas

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on Council's Goals & Objectives and priorities as they move forward into a new year. He said that he and Council Members Sisk and Rafko attended the Drug Prevention Summit on December 3 and noted that the United Way is in partnership with the endeavor. He commented on some of the presentations that were given. He spoke about the Joint Work Session with Council, Downtown Development Authority and Citizens Planning Commission. He announced that on Sunday, January 4 there will be a Historic Church and Stain Glass Tour in the City of Monroe and listed the locations that will be on the tour: Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Christ Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel and St. Michael Arch Angel Parish. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and safe holidays as we go into 2015.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer also commented about the Drug Prevention Summit and said they are accepting volunteers to the task forces and if anyone is interested they should contact the United Way for more information. She explained that residents may have a tax bill printed and pay it with credit card at the Treasurer's Office or to pay their tax bills with cash/check, they will pay at the MCCCUC. She commented on the past year's events and learning experience since she has taken office and thanked Council and everyone at City Hall for their help. She wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager commented on the review of the City's credit worthiness and said that the bond rating is one of the targets looked at. He said the City's bond rating has improved from A+ to AA- which is a step higher and better. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays.

Citizens Comments.

Lou Lombardo, Monroe Multi-Sports Complex Manager noted that there will be two events on Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.; Monroe High School vs. SMCC Hockey Teams challenging for the River Raisin Cup and at 7:00 p.m. is the Monroe County Figure Skating Club's Winter Exhibition Benefit for the Special Olympics.

Jeannie Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue commented on how nice the Downtown Business District looks and said that the Commemoration of the Battles of the River Raisin will be held on January 17 and wished everyone the best for the holidays.

Allan Haynes, Coldwell Banker expressed concern about the implementation of City Certification Process for homes sold and gave some statistics regarding home values in recent years in the City of Monroe and in the County of Monroe. He said that now is not the time to implement the certification process and asked if Council would consult with the Board of Realtors before implementing the process.

Brenda Braden, Board of Realtors said that they would like to look at this as an opportunity to work with the City, and become good stewards moving forward.

Jeannie Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue spoke about memorizing dates of historic events when she was a child and announced some significant upcoming events and their dates.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Hensley that the meeting adjourn at 7:59 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Michelle J. LaVoy
City Clerk-Treasurer

Robert E. Clark
Mayor