

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

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

St. Mike's Troop 547 led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Tom Bilan, Scout Master introduced the member of Scout Troop 547.

Citizen Comments – Not Related to an Agenda Item.

Vicki Fernandez, 1858 West Albain Road updated Council on the 2015 Wounded Soldiers Softball Tournament Fundraiser.

Steve Fernandez, 1858 West Albain Road would like a copy of the City Sponsored Events Policy and would like to know if the 2015 Wounded Soldiers Softball Tournament Fundraiser is a City Sponsored Event.

Mayor Clark asked Mr. Fernandez to come to come by so they could discuss the information further.

Jason Matthews, 1445 Maple Blvd, AFL-CIO of Monroe County explained that he has had a request in for about three weeks to hold a Labor Day Parade, but his request has not been placed on the agenda.

George Brown, City Manager explained that there are two requests to hold a parade and explained why they have not been placed on the agenda.

Lee Sharpe, 411 Ypsilanti Street, Dundee, President of Monroe County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council explained why he thinks the request from the Monroe County AFL-CIO should be the only request placed on the agenda and approved.

Public Hearing.

21. This being the date set to receive and review comments on proposed Ordinance No. 15-002, an ordinance to add Chapter 448, Neighborhood Enterprise Zone to the Code of the City of Monroe, and there being no comments on file in the Clerk-Treasurers Office, the Mayor declared the hearing open.

There being no persons present commenting and no comments on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

32. This being the date set to receive and review comments on the Capital Improvements Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2015-2021, and there being no comments on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing open.

There being no persons present commenting and no comments on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Council Action.

Council Member Molenda said that the points of sale provisions have not been finalized and that some key aspects of the NEZ were brought to Council's attention by the City Assessor and that he has not had time to do analysis nor has Council had time to discuss the Assessor's remarks so he would like to postpone the item.

21. It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that proposed Ordinance No. 15-002, an ordinance to add Chapter 448, Neighborhood Enterprise Zone to the Code of the City of Monroe be postponed until the March 2 Council Meeting.

Following brief discussion, a vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

27. This item was postponed at the February 2 Council Meeting.

The communication from the City Manager's Office, submitting a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau to reserve dates in 2015 for upcoming Events / Festivals, and recommending that Council approve only the dates of the events with full approvals of the events, be subject to policy, timely submission of event planning details, staff reviews, street closure action by Council and approvals of city financial and logistical support. It was moved by Council Member Rafko and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that the item be postponed until the next meeting because there is a conflict with one of the events which involves another event at the same time and it needs to be addressed.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Molenda to place item 27 on the table for discussion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Member Iacoangeli said this item was addressed by the two citizens earlier and asked the City Manager if this issue could be resolved by the next meeting.

George Brown, City Manager said he does not know because the city is not involved with direct discussions or mediation between the parties, but are in touch with both parties who applied because that is what the process requires.

Following discussion on the item, it was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that item 27 be postponed until the March 2 Council Meeting.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

32. Proposed Capital Improvements Program Budget – Fiscal Years 2015-2021.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting the Proposed Capital Improvements Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2015-2021, and recommending that Council adopt the proposed Capital Improvements Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2015-2021; after consideration of the Citizens Planning Commission recommendation and any comments received at the public hearing.
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 item 32 be accepted, placed on file and the recommendation be carried out.

Following brief discussion, a vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. (All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Mayor and Council and may be approved by one motion. Any item may be removed for separate discussion by a Council Member or citizen.)

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 2, 2015 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, February 2, 2015.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$491,599.30.

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

33. River Raisin Jazz Festival – Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to display three banners across East Front Street, West First Street and Monroe Street from July 27 – August 10, 2015, announcing the 14<sup>th</sup> annual River Raisin Jazz Festival on August 6 – 9, 2015, and recommending that the request be approved.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

34. River Raisin Labor Day Barbeque Festival – Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to display three banners across East Front Street, West First Street and Monroe Street from August 24 – September 7, 2015, announcing the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Labor Day Barbeque Festival on September 5, 2015, and recommending that the request be approved.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

35. Custer Week – Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to display three banners across East Front Street, West First Street and Monroe Street from September 28 – October 12, 2015, announcing the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Custer Week on October 5 – 11, 2015, and recommending that the request be approved.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

36. River Raisin Halloween Festival – Banner Request.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to display three banners across East Front Street, West First Street and Monroe Street from October 12 – 26, 2015, announcing the 12<sup>th</sup> annual River Raisin Halloween Festival on October 24, 2015, and recommending that the request be approved.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

37. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Festival.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to hold the annual River Raisin Jazz Festival at St. Mary's Park on August 6 – 9, 2015, to close Elm Avenue from Borgess Avenue to North Monroe Street, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon passage of the 2015 budget and inclusion of the funding for the event, items being met as outlined by the administration, 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 Rafko that item 33, 34, 35 and 36 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and that item 37 be removed and considered separately.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

37. The communication from the City Manager's Office was presented, reporting back on a request from the Monroe County Convention & Tourism Bureau for permission to hold the annual River Raisin Jazz Festival at St. Mary's Park on August 6 – 9, 2015, to close Elm Avenue from Borgess Avenue to North Monroe Street, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon passage of the 2015 budget and inclusion of the funding for the event, items being met as outlined by the administration, and that the City Manager be granted authority to alter/amend the event due to health and/or safety reasons.

Council Member Molenda said that with the discussion during a previous Council Meeting he would like to postpone this item.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Hensley that item 37 be postponed until the March 2 Council Meeting.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Iacoangeli commented on information covered at the St. Joseph Sub-Committee Meeting held for the public.

Council Member Vining commented on the Fire Department staffing levels and the Public Safety Department.

Council Member Molenda commented on the Public Safety Department and Firefighter experience and staffing levels and on the public meeting held with the Sub-Committee for the Sawyer House.

Council Member Rafko commented on the Fire Department staffing levels, the Sawyer House Sub-Committee, and the St. Joseph Sub-Committee Meeting.

Council Member Sisk commented about Public Safety, Firefighter staffing and questions of the Human Resource Director.

Council Member Hensley commented on Firefighter staffing levels and about the Salvation Army Soup Day.

Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark thanked St. Mike's Troop 547 for leading the pledge and staying for the meeting, thanked and recognized the MCCC students in attendance. He also commented about Monroe's Sister City, Hofu, Japan and his trip to the SEMCOG National Conference. He also commented about the recognition of law enforcement personnel from the Exchange Club.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments.

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer noted that in addition to accessing Council Meetings, Sawyer House and St. Joseph Sub-Committee Meetings on YouTube and MPACT, the Clerk's Office can also provide a DVD.

City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager noted that a Council Work Session will be schedule during the first week of March to provide time for discussion with Public Safety Director and Fire Chief regarding staffing recommendation, standard operating guidelines and Public Safety Policy.

Citizen Comments.

Selma Rankins, 221 Ross Drive commented about diversity and Black History Month.

Stephen Fernandez, 1858 West Albain Road noted that the Recreation Manager said the 2015 Wounded Soldiers Softball Tournament Fundraiser will not be a city sponsored event and that the organization had to pay \$50 of the fee.

Brian Gee, President of the Police Patrolman's Association commented about the Public Safety Division Officers.

Close Executive Session.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Vining that Council convene to Closed Executive Session to discuss Attorney's Opinion at 9:04 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 at 10:07 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Sisk and seconded by Council Member Rafko that the meeting adjourn at 10:07 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Michelle J. LaVoy  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor