

CITY OF MONROE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Michigan held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Sharon C. Malotky, Deputy Clerk gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation.

Presentation by Sandra Hornyak, Associate Creative Director, Design for New Moon Visions regarding Brand Position and Strategy for the City of Monroe.

Citizen Comments – Not Related to an Agenda Item.

Tom Moore, Public Safety Director / Police Chief introduced (3) three newly hired Public Safety Officers; Ryan Parise, Lamar Fredrick and Matthew Foley and gave brief history about each officer. Mayor Clark invited each of them to address Council.

Council Member Rafko recognized Ken Miller, Citizens Planning Commission and Steve Swartz, Citizens Planning Commission and said that they completed the Michigan Citizens Planning Program course through MSU. Mayor Clark invited them to address Council with their thoughts and thanked them for their dedication.

Adam Yeager, 1833 South Custer Road commented about the sanitary sewer issue in his area.

George Brown, City Manager noted that the drain that has created the issue is under the jurisdiction of the Monroe County Drain Commission and suggested that Mr. Yeager contact the Drain Commissioner.

Richard Micka, 47 East Elm Street commented on a temporary causeway that crosses the River Raisin and thanked the Mayor, City Manager, Director of Water & Wastewater and the Director of Engineering & Public Services for taking action on the causeway to avoid potential problems that may have occurred with ice flow on the river.

Council Action.

21. This item was postponed at the March 2 Council Meeting.

Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, submitting proposed Ordinance No. 15-002, an Ordinance to add Chapter 448, Neighborhood Enterprise Zones to the Code of the City of Monroe. 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 16 Council Meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that item 21 be placed on the floor for discussion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0  
Motion carried

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk that Proposed Ordinance No. 15-002 be placed on its final reading.

Following discussion, Proposed Ordinance No. 15-002 was presented for the second time after which the Mayor asked, "Shall this Ordinance pass?"

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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 Special Meeting held on November 24, 2014, the Minutes of the Work Session held on Monday, March 2, 2015 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2015.

B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$ 377,521.87.

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

43. Monroe Rotary Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Superhero 5K Run/Walk.

1. Communication from the City Manager's Office, reporting back on a request from the Monroe Rotary Club for permission to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Superhero 5K Run/Walk on May 2, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., to close the affected streets, for assistance from the City and Police Department, and for a fee waiver, and recommending that Council approve the request contingent upon items being met as outlined by the administration, subject to insurance requirements being met, and that Monroe Rotary pay half (½) of the City's extra out-of-pocket cost to provide logistics and public safety support for the event (\$1,272.07 ÷ 50% = \$636.03), 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.

44. Annual Weed Cutting Date.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting a proposed resolution setting April 27, 2015 as the annual date that all weeds and grasses and other items subject to Ordinance No. 05-004 be cut, removed or destroyed, and recommending that the resolution be adopted.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the resolution be adopted.

45. Professional Services Agreement with New Moon Visions to Develop a Brand Position and Strategy for the City of Monroe.

1. Communication from the Director of Economic & Community Development, reporting back on RFP's received for a professional services agreement to develop a Brand Position and Strategy for the City of Monroe, and recommending that Council approve entering into a professional services agreement with New Moon Visions to develop a brand position and strategy for the City in an amount no-to-exceed \$40,000; and authorize the Finance Director to transfer funds from the contingency budget as listed in the Finances Section; and authorize City Manager to execute the agreement subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

46. Retiree Health Care Plan Actuarial Valuation.

1. Communication from the Finance Director, reporting back on a proposal for the performance of an actuarial valuation of the Post-Retirement Health Care Plan for the City of Monroe, and recommending that Council approve the proposal submitted by Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company for the performance of an actuarial valuation of the Post-Retirement Health Care Plan for the City of Monroe as of December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$16,800, and that the alternate service of "Development of Liabilities and ARC at Two Alternate Discount Rates" also be approved in the amount of \$2,000, for a total contract award of \$18,800.
2. Supporting documents.
3. Action: Accept, place on file and the recommendation be carried out.

47. Parking Ticket Administration.

1. Communication from the Clerk-Treasurer, submitting an agreement with Complus Data Innovations, Inc. for parking ticket software as well as follow-up delinquent ticket collection procedures, and recommending that Council approve the attached contract and that the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Monroe.
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 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Comments.

Council Member Rafko commented on the First Friday Event, in downtown Monroe. She also commented on renovation of alleyways.

Council Member Sisk asked for a projected date of completion for the operational assessment, job study.

George Brown, City Manager explained that he does not know the timeline schedule but said that it will not be complete for budgeting purposes.

Council Member Sisk also commented on the budget process and budget work sessions.

Council Member Hensley announced the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors 6<sup>th</sup> annual Silent Auction and Scholarship Benefit on Wednesday, March 25 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Monroe Golf & Country Club.

Council Member Iacoangeli said that he will make a motion regarding the Downtown Development Authority Façade Grant Program.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and seconded by Council Member Sisk to establish a public purpose consistent with Public Act 197 of 1975 and specifically MCL [125.1679](#); the City Council specifies that any public funds, including tax increment financing funds, used to repair or improve any building within a National Register of Historic Places District shall be reviewed and approved by the City of Monroe Historic District Commission.

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Council Member Iacoangeli commented about abandoned shopping carts in neighborhoods south of the river. He also commented about street sweeping and budget session discussions.

#### Mayor Comments.

Mayor Clark commented on budget session discussions, the Public Safety Presentation, the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28 at Munson Park and announced the World Water Day Community Open House on Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fluid Equipment Development Company, 800 Ternes Drive. He also commented on the article in the Sunday Monroe Evening News written by Charles Slat, "How does you town stack up against others."

#### City Manager Comments.

George Brown, City Manager announced that yard waste pickup will begin the week of April 6 and said that Firefighter/Paramedic candidate interviews began this week. He commented on the Firefighter eligibility list and gave an update on the hiring process. He commented about the budget process and the scheduled budget work sessions

Mayor Clark noted that the annual weed cutting date begins on Monday, April 27 and goes through the 2015 mowing season. He reminded everyone that if their grass is 8" or taller it will be cut and the charges will be invoiced to the homeowner.

#### Citizen Comments.

Jeannie Micka, 47 E. Elm Avenue commented on the national guidelines for property rehabilitation, local Historic District expansion, National Historic Preservation Month/April and the Branding Process that was addressed on the Consent Agenda. She also commented on the annual Lotus Tour and the access to our waterways through the port. She spoke about her trip to New Orleans and ways to improve our community.

#### Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Molenda and seconded by Council Member Iacoangeli that the meeting adjourn at 8:57 p.m. until the Regular Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

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Sharon C. Malotky  
Deputy Clerk

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor