

**Monroe Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting of Council  
February 25, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.  
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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***Pledge of Allegiance***

Mayor Frentzel opened regular meeting of Council at 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Roll Call***

Council members present: Tom Callahan, Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, Anna Hale, Todd Hickman, Christina McElfresh, and Robert Routson.

Staff members present: City Manager William J. Brock  
Law Director K. Philip Callahan  
Chief of Police Robert Buchanan  
Fire Chief John P. Centers  
Director of Finance Karen Ervin  
Director of Public Works Gary Morton  
Clerk of Council/Assistant to the City Manager Angela S. Wasson

***Approval of the Minutes***

None.

***Visitors***

- Kim Mullally of the MidPointe Library Monroe Branch spoke to Council about their levy renewal on the March 17, 2020, ballot. She noted that this is not a new levy and the funds make up 36% of the MidPointe Library's budget.
- Robert Haley, CEO of Quality Individualized Services (QIS), the services we provide are addiction services working primarily with individuals who are addicted to opiates. We do not have drugs at our facilities. We provide counseling, medical services, lab services, and provide patients a prescription for buprenorphine products. The purpose of the buprenorphine products is to eliminate any withdrawal systems they would have and to provide a blocker if they attempted to use any drugs. They cannot get any of the euphoric effects of the drug and eliminates the cravings for this drug. We work to redirect their focus and continue to work on the jobs that they have. Mr. Haley wanted to introduce himself to the City and to let Council know they have this service in their community.

***Committee Reports***

None.

*Old Business*

None.

*New Business*

**Emergency Resolution No. 16-2020.** A Resolution to accept the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock advised that the Ohio Municipal League (OML) sent this to the City as part of the overall process for the opioid issue within the state. We were never part of a lawsuit against those manufacturers, but as part of the process they are asking everyone to approve this resolution so that we can start to work with the communities in Butler County for utilization of those funds.

Mr. Funk moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 16-2020 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 16-2020 by title only.

Mr. Funk moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 16-2020; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 17-2020.** A Resolution accepting the lowest and/or best bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Dailey's Lawn & Landscaping for mowing of various properties.

Mr. Brock is recommending that Council accept the bid from Dailey's Lawn & Landscaping for mowing of the cemeteries, Monroe Community Park, and Monroe Crossings Park.

Mr. Funk moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 17-2020 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 17-2020 by title only.

Mr. Funk moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 17-2020; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 18-2020.** A Resolution accepting the lowest and/or best bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and J. W. Brennan Excavating for the Garver Road Water Main Replacement Project.

Mr. Brock stated that the estimate for the project was \$466,000 and the bid came in at \$398,741.13.

Mr. Funk moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 18-2020 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.  
The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 18-2020 by title only.

Mr. Funk moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 18-2020; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-05.** An Ordinance amending Section 1040.10 (a) of Chapter 1040 of the Codified Ordinances to discontinue the automatic water rate increase effective January 1, 2020, pending the results of a water rate study and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained that this suspends the automatic water rate increase as discussed at the last Council meeting.

Mr. Funk moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-05 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-05 by title only.

Mr. Funk moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2020-05; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Motion** accepting the December 2019 Finance Reports as submitted.

Mr. Funk moved to accept the December 2019 Finance Reports as submitted; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

### ***Administrative Reports***

#### **Executive Session**

To consider the sale or disposition of real property and reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Mr. Funk moved to adjourn into Executive session to consider the sale or disposition of real property and reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Funk moved to reconvene into regular session; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried

Council reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Funk moved to amend the agenda to consider Emergency Resolution No. 19-2020; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Emergency Resolution No. 19-2020.** A Resolution rejecting the report and recommendations of Felicia Bernardini, Fact Finder for the State Employment Relations Board (SERB), in reference to Case No. 2019-MED-07-0620, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Funk moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 19-2020 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 19-2020 by title only.

Mr. Funk moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 19-2020; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Roll call vote: six ayes; one nay (McElfresh). Motion carried.

### ***Adjournment***

Mr. Hickman moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC  
Clerk of Council