



**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 26, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor McElfresh opened the regular meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council members present: Marc Bellapianta, Tom Callahan, Kelly Clark, Jason Frentzel, Christina McElfresh, and Ben Wagner.

Dr. Clark moved to excuse Keith Funk; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Frentzel moved to approve the Public Safety Committee Minutes of March 29, 2022; Public Works Committee Minutes of March 30, 2022; Technology Committee Minutes of April 5, 2022; Public Involvement Committee Minutes of April 7, 2022; Council/School Board Minutes of April 11, 2022; Finance Committee Minutes of April 12, 2022; Council Minutes of April 12, 2022 and April 19, 2022; and Council/Park and Recreation Board Minutes of April 13, 2022; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

None.

Committee Reports

Mr. Frentzel reported that the Finance Committee met this evening and reviewed the water rate information on Council's agenda this evening. The original ordinance had the wrong numbers; however, the residents have been charged the correct amount. In addition, the Finance Committee will be reviewing the Finance policies.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2022-04. An Ordinance repealing Chapter 1028 known as Comprehensive Stormwater Management and amending and supplementing Chapter 1028.



Mr. Brock advised the revised ordinance is a requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He further advised there will be changes to the legislation by the second reading, including but not limited to, the penalties.

Mr. Frentzel moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-04 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2022-04 by title only.

Mr. Frentzel moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-04; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-05. An Ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2021-52 to reflect the correct rates as set forth in the September 14, 2021 Water Rate Study.

Mr. Brock reported these are the corrections to the water rates to align with what was intended in the Water Rate Study. Mr. Frentzel asked if there are any concerns with the charges not matching what was been charged.

Law Director Callahan advised that the dates in both ordinances have the same effective dates and there should not be a problem.

Mr. Frentzel moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-05 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2022-05 by title only.

Mr. Frentzel moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-05; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session.

Mr. Frentzel moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee and reviewing bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:45 p.m..

Mr. Frentzel moved to reconvene into regular session; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:48 p.m.



Emergency Resolution No. 18-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Local Gov Consultants, LLC for financial administrative services and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock advised this allows for an interim Finance Director.

Mr. Frentzel moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 18-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 18-2022 by title only.

Mr. Frentzel moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 18-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 19-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Monroe, Liberty Township, and West Chester Township for use of a Traffic Incident Management Safety Unit.

Chief Centers stated this is a collaborative agreement between the City of Monroe, Liberty Township, and West Chester for a blocking vehicle for high traffic areas.

Mr. Frentzel asked if it was first come, first serve and how it is dispatched. Chief Centers replied that it is first come, first serve and it is a response protocol for each jurisdiction for determination what roadways they would utilize this.

Mr. Bellapianta noted it was not in the budget and asked if it is possible to move into next year's budget or if it is needed now. Chief Centers explained the \$12,000 is what is needed upfront and the ongoing expenses estimated at \$2,500 per year will be next year.

In response to Mr. Wagner's inquiry, Chief Centers advised the vehicle will be stored at Liberty Township.

Mr. Frentzel moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 19-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 19-2022 by title only.

Mr. Frentzel moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 19-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion establishing the Succession Planning Committee of Council.

Mr. Frentzel suggested that no action be taken at this time until Mayor Funk returns.



Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock announced that the Middletown Community Foundation approved the \$5,000 grant for the Monroe Fireworks.

Mr. Morton explained there is a private fence on the north side of William Groth that the City has maintained, as well as the pine trees and mowing the grass. This area was previously maintained by a homeowners association that no longer exists. The fence is in a state of disrepair and to install a vinyl fence that requires less maintenance is approximately \$14,000. Mr. Morton sought Council's direction on this item.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of Council to remove the fence and the City would no longer maintain. Mr. Frentzel indicated that the residents of the subdivision could petition to have it put back up and the City could assess the residents for that.

Mr. Morton reported that in June of 2021, Council approved the purchase of a single dump truck with snow plow and dump bed. It was ordered at that time and due to supply issues the chassis was delayed. The chassis was delivered about a month ago and the vendor sent out pricing increases equaling approximately \$7,037.12. Mr. Morton worked with the vendor and was able to get the price increase down to \$3,518.56 and requested approval of Council for the additional amount.

Mr. Frentzel moved to authorize the additional amount of \$3,518.56 to Henderson for the outfitting for a Western Star dump truck; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner asked about the status of the request made by Mr. Schmitt at the last Council meeting for a guardrail on South Main Street. Mr. Brock advised he has requested accident history and looking at the cost estimates.

Mrs. McElfresh asked about the repair work on Britton Lane as to who is doing the work and when it will be completed. Mr. Morton replied that it would be completed tomorrow.

Adjournment

Mr. Frentzel moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council