

**Monroe Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting of Council  
June 11, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.  
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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***Pledge of Allegiance***

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

***Roll Call***

Council members present: Dan Clark, Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, Todd Hickman, and Christina McElfresh.

Staff members present: City Manager William J. Brock  
Law Director K. Philip Callahan  
Chief of Police Robert Buchanan  
Director of Finance Karen Ervin

Mr. Hickman moved to excuse Mrs. Hale and Mayor Routson; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

***Approval of the Minutes***

Mr. Funk moved to approve the Finance Committee minutes of May 14, 2019; Technology Committee minutes of May 22, 2019; Public Works Committee minutes of May 28, 2019; and Council minutes of May 28, 2019; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

***Visitors***

None.

***Committee Reports***

Mr. Funk reported that the Public Safety Committee met yesterday to discuss the speed limit on Garver Road in response to an email Council received. Mr. Funk advised that police put a radar in the area tracking the speed and volume of vehicles. This data did not necessarily suggest that the speeding was an issue. A resident of Garver Road was present at the meeting and he expressed that the data we collected is skewed a little bit because he has pulled vehicles out of ditches, culverts, fields and these are unreported incidents that have occurred. After discussion it isn't that we are taking lowering the speed limit off the table, but it appears that the speed limit is not the problem, it is people going way too fast on that road. Police plan on installing signs cautioning people that it is a 90 degree turn and send our Community Resource Officer out to create a dialogue with the citizens. As that goes on in a couple of months we can then ask the residents if things have improved.

*Old Business*

**Ordinance No. 2019-12.** An Ordinance supplementing Chapter 660 of the Codified Ordinances to regulate unsolicited written materials. (Second Reading)

Mr. Brock stated that this changes the law regarding receiving unsolicited written materials.

Mr. Hickman moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-12 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2019-12 by title only.

Mr. Hickman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-12; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

*New Business*

**Emergency Resolution No. 22-2019.** A Resolution expressing appreciation to Police Sergeant Eric Walton for his years of service to the City of Monroe and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Hickman moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 22-2019 on two separate days and authorize its adoption on the first reading; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Clark read Emergency Resolution No. 22-2019 in its entirety and presented a signed copy to Sergeant Walton.

Mr. Hickman moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 22-2019; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 23-2019.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a proposal from KZF Design for professional services related to the City of Monroe Public Works Facility Study.

Mr. Brock explained this is a study on the existing uses, build on the Master Plan, and identify those portions of the Master Plan that we can move forward on.

Mr. Hickman moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 23-2019 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 23-2019 by title only.

Mr. Hickman moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-2019; second by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 24-2019.** A Resolution granting consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the rehabilitation and overlay of the State Route 4 bridge over State Route 63.

Mr. Brock advised that this Resolution grants consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation for work on the State Route 4 bridge over State Route 63 at no cost to the City unless the City wanted to add to the project, such as a fence. He noted it is slated for 2021, but could move up to 2020.

Mr. Hickman moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 24-2019 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 24-2019 by title only.

Mr. Hickman moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 24-2019; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 25-2019.** A Resolution granting consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation for the installation of a railroad interconnected traffic signal at State Route 63 and Union Road.

Mr. Brock stated that the Ohio Department of Transportation and PUCO have determined that a traffic signal should be placed at State Route 63 and Union Road. It does cross over into the City of Monroe and we requested that they place black poles to match what is in the City limits.

Mr. Clark asked if it would only work when a train is coming and Mr. Brock advised that a train would pre-empt it. We are talking about interconnecting it.

Mr. Hickman moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 25-2019 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 25-2019 by title only.

Mr. Hickman moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 25-2019; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

### ***Administrative Reports***

Mr. Brock has had people ask if they could fish in the pond at 601 South Main Street now that the City owns that property. Once the facility has been developed the area that is adjacent to our property will be fenced off, so they will not be able to access it through there. The front of it will provide access from property not owned by the City. Chief Buchanan did not realize that anyone fished there.

Mr. Hickman felt that it should not be allowed at this time until our insurance company has been consulted.

Mr. Funk stated that the intended use is not for fishing and it will not be in the future. If it was a pond in the park it would be a fishing pond. Mr. Brock noted we will have fishing ponds that we can incorporate in the park areas.

Mr. Brock reported that we are wrapping up the review of the job descriptions and the next step would have a compensation study completed. We want to make the compensation study directed by Council and work with a third party to get that information so it is not tainted by what staff may think. What we are seeing in the market today is four and five percent increases.

Vice Mayor Clark and Mr. Funk agreed with Mr. Brock that the Finance Committee of Council would oversee this and bring the information back to Council. Mrs. McElfresh would like to make sure that Council receives the information, including copies of the job descriptions.

Mr. Hickman moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee and preparing for negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation and other terms and conditions of their employment; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:06 p.m.

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

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:44 p.m.

Mr. Frentzel requested the status of the land swap. Mr. Callahan replied that he will be meeting with Mr. Robinson and Mr. Brock next week about this.

Mr. Hickman requested that Mr. Chesar attend the next meeting of Council to provide a presentation on the regulations for trailers and pole barns, in addition to answering any questions. Mr. Brock indicated that he will have Mr. Chesar attend.

### ***Adjournment***

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC  
Clerk of Council