

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
January 13, 2015 – 6:30 pm
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Routson opened the regular meeting of Council with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

The following members of Council were present: Steve Black, Todd Hickman, Robert Routson, and Suzi Rubin.

Staff members present: City Manager/City Engineer William J. Brock
Law Director K. Philip Callahan
Director of Public Works Daniel J. Arthur
Chief of Police Bob Buchanan
Director of Finance Kacey L. Waggaman
Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors: David Wright and Heather Parker

Mrs. Rubin moved to excuse Mr. Clark, Mrs. Hale, and Mrs. Stillman; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the Council Minutes of December 23, 2014; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

- Mayor Routson swore in Matthew Parker as a Part-time Patrol Officer
- Butler County Prosecutor Mike Gmoser complimented the Monroe Police Department on their contribution to the judicial system in Butler County and their hard work that lead to an indictment in the Barbara Howe case.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2014-44. An Ordinance approving the Final Plat of Park North Phase Two.

Mr. Brock advised that no changes have been made since the first reading.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-44 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2014-44 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-44; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: four ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2015-01. An Ordinance approving an application for the creation of the I-75 Monroe Community Entertainment District.

Mayor Routson advised that he received an application for the creation of the I-75 Monroe Community Entertainment District and recommends that Council approve it.

Mr. Brock reported that this will create a community entertainment district and, following approval, will be sent to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a decision on the creation of the district.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-01 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-01 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-01; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: four ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion setting a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-01 at 6:30 pm on January 27, 2015.

Mrs. Rubin moved to set the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-01 at 6:30 pm on January 27, 2015; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion appointing William J. Brock to the Emergency Management Agency.

Mrs. Rubin moved to appoint William J. Brock to the Emergency Management Agency; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion appointing a member of Council to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments.

Mr. Hickman moved to appoint Suzi Rubin to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion appointing the following to various boards and commissions: Jonathon Nerenberg to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Jesse Dean to the Park and Recreation Board, John Routson to the Personnel Board, Robert Snook to the Income Tax Board of Review, Mary Maurer to the Audit Committee, and Chie Yoshimura to the Audit Committee.

Mrs. Rubin moved to appoint Jonathon Nerenberg to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Jesse Dean to the Park and Recreation Board, John Routson to the Personnel Board, Robert Snook to the Income Tax Board of Review, Mary Maurer to the Audit Committee, and Chie Yoshimura to the Audit Committee; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Arthur reported that, following approval of the Park Master Plan, the consultant has recommended that the Park Planning Steering Committee be made up of 10 to 15 people with a Council Member, Park Board Member, business representatives, and sport organization representatives. The time frame for the Master Plan is approximately 9 months.

Mayor Routson suggested speaking with Mrs. Hale, Park and Recreation Board Liaison, to see if she is interested in representing Council.

Mr. Arthur confirmed Mr. Black's understanding that walking and bike paths were part of the Plan.

Mr. Black asked for an update on online payments. Mrs. Waggaman is waiting on set up from the bank for checks; however, in the meantime we will proceed with credit card payments and should be up by the end of the month.

Mr. Black asked if we are looking to do any major website changes. Mr. Brock advised that IT is putting together a position description for that and when that person is on board we will look at those initiatives.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss the sale of real property and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans and specific business strategy for economic development assistance; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: four ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:52 pm.

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

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council