

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
February 10, 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, Dan Clark, Anna Hale, Todd Hickman, Robert Routson, Suzi Rubin, and Lora Stillman.

Staff members present: 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: Chie Yoshimura, Susan Wise, Jane Majors, Elbert Tannreuther, Joyce Tannreuther, and Kristie McElfresh.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the Council Minutes of January 27, 2015; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Johnna Reeder, President and CEO of REDI Cincinnati, explained to City Council how working with local jurisdictions generates economic development interest in the region. She advised that they were an integral part of the group effort to bring UGN to Monroe and currently are working with Monroe on two prospects in the Park North area.

Elbert Tannreuther urged Council to begin planning for the Bicentennial.

Kristie McElfresh, President of the Monroe Historical Society, presented Council with a letter offering the Society's assistance in planning for Monroe's upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in 2017.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Rubin announced that the Public Involvement Committee of Council met to begin planning for Bicentennial event with the next meeting scheduled for February 23, 2015 at 6:00 pm at 6 East Avenue.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 05-2015. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Miami Valley Communications Council for CodeRED services and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 05-2015 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 05-2015 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 05-2015; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 06-2015. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a utilization agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Monroe Lions Club for the artillery school at Monroe Community Park.

Mr. Clark reported that Civil War Days will be held on October 3 and encouraged people to volunteer with this event. Mr. Black advised that he would volunteer.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 06-2015 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 06-2015 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 06-2015; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: five ayes; 2 abstentions (Black and Clark). Motion carried.

Resolution No. 07-2015. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a utilization agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Monroe Lions Club for the Easter Egg Hunt at Monroe Community Park.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 07-2015 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 07-2015 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 07-2015; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: six ayes; 1 abstention (Clark). Motion carried.

Resolution No. 08-2015. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a utilization agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Monroe Historical Society for the Cruise-In at the Cabin at Monroe Community Park.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 08-2015 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 08-2015 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 08-2015; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion appointing Casey Sparks to the Warren County Regional Planning Commission and Kevin Chesar as alternate.

Mrs. Rubin moved to appoint Casey Sparks to the Warren County Regional Planning Commission and Kevin Chesar as alternate; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Arthur sought Council's opinion on the sample paint, carpet, and vinyl for the Council Chambers and hallway outside the Chambers.

Mr. Black asked about the status of the brush removal. Mr. Arthur responded that it is going well and should be completed in a few weeks.

Mrs. Rubin announced that the Warren County Municipal League will hold a meeting on February 18th at the Houston Inn. Present will be Judge Peeler speaking about the heroin problem.

Mr. Arthur assured Council that we are not replacing the furniture after the painting is completed. Mayor Routson asked for two volunteers to work with Mr. Arthur on the colors to paint the Council Chambers. Mrs. Stillman and Mr. Hickman volunteered.

Adjournment

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council