

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
May 13, 2014 – 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, Bob Kelley, Robert Routson, Suzi Rubin, and Lora Stillman.

Mr. Kelley moved to excuse Mrs. Hale; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Staff members present: City Manager/City Engineer William J. Brock
 Law Director K. Philip Callahan
 Director of Public Works Daniel J. Arthur
 Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Kelley moved to approve the Council Minutes of April 22, 2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Lieutenant David Chasteen introduced Eric Walton who was recently appointed as Sergeant.

Lieutenant Brian Curlis introduced Drew Aspacher who was recently appointed as full-time Patrol Officer.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2014-13. An Ordinance amending Section 1040.10 of the Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code of the Codified Ordinances to provide for an increase in water rates.

Mr. Brock reported that we have amended the legislation to include a 10% increase based on a re-run of the model effective June 1, 2014.

Mr. Black asked if we were going to send out an information explaining this. Mr. Brock replied that he has an article prepared to go out.

Mr. Kelley moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-13 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2014-13 by title only.

Mr. Kelley moved to amend Ordinance No. 2014-13 to reflect a 10% increase in water rates effective June 1, 2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kelley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-13 as amended; seconded by Mrs. Rubin. Roll call vote: five ayes; one nay (Hickman). Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 25-2014. A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing certain sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway aprons in the City of Monroe, County of Butler, Ohio, requiring that abutting property owners repair the same, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained that this is the first step in an assessment project for concrete work.

Mr. Black asked if consideration was given on the installation of sidewalks and Mr. Brock felt that it would be a more in-depth discussion and not included with these projects.

Mr. Kelley moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 25-2014 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. 25-2014 by title only.

Mr. Kelley moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 25-2014; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$25,199.20 to Physio-Control Incorporated for the replacement of a cardiac monitor for the Department of Fire.

Mr. Brock stated this is an upgrade to an older model going out of warranty repair and was included in the budget for this year.

Mr. Black asked if the older model was broken. Mr. Brock explained that if it breaks we may not be able to get parts for it. Also, the newer models have better sensors and equipment on them.

Mr. Kelley moved to authorize the expenditure of \$25,199.20 to Physio-Control Incorporated for the replacement of a cardiac monitor for the Department of Fire; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock referred to the retaining wall on Union Road due to the winter and the aging of the wall. LJB Engineering has some recommendations and if it deteriorates any further, Union Road could collapse into the creek. In the past, we have replaced the cable under Union Road; however, it is to the point that we will need to drive new sheet pile that will require core samples. Mr. Brock noted that the City is working with the Warren County Engineer's office on this project.

Mr. Brock received a telephone call for the Fourth of July Committee that a new person will be taken over. He sought input from Council on the amount of cost and participation to make sure the fireworks will continue.

Mayor Routson stated that the request was to put forward approximately \$5,000 for the fireworks and approximately \$12,000 for public works and other services.

Mr. Black asked if Rozzi's was paid so that they are scheduled for this year. Mr. Brock will obtain that information.

Mr. Kelley advised that there were sponsors that are willing to contribute towards this. Mrs. Stillman has been contacted by others willing to contribute.

Mr. Kelley noted that a lot of the preliminary work is complete.

There were no objections on Council to assist with the fireworks and continue with the parade.

Referring to the 165% charge on the water administrative fee for those outside of the City, Mr. Brock advised that there is a difference of approximately \$3,700. The question was did Council want to charge that percentage or leave the ordinance as it is and not charge that percentage. There was no desire from Council to change the ordinance.

Mr. Kelley announced his immediate resignation from the Planning Commission due to some business opportunities that he has.

Mr. Kelley moved to appoint the Mayor as the representative to the Planning Commission until such time as another person can be appointed; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call: six ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kelley announced his resignation from City Council effective May 31, 2014 due to the same business opportunities.

Mr. Black moved to accept Mr. Kelley's resignation; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: three ayes; two nays (Routson and Black); one abstention (Kelley). Motion carried.

Mr. Routson expressed his pleasure working with Mr. Kelley on Council.

Mrs. Stillman expressed her appreciation for his passion for the community while on Council.

Mayor Routson reported that several third graders toured the City Building today and they questioned which drawing of the water tower did Council pick. He told them that Council could not decide as there were some very nice ones.

Mrs. Stillman announced that the Monroe Lending Library would like to get the word out of their existence. They are having an event this Saturday geared towards kids with therapy dogs, games, and cupcakes from 11:00 am to Noon.

Adjournment

Mr. Kelley moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Assistant to the City Manager/
Clerk of Council