

**Monroe Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting of Council  
June 14, 2016 – 6:30 pm  
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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***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: Dan Clark, Jason Frenzel, Keith Funk, Anna Hale, 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  
  Fire Chief John P. Centers  
  Director of Finance Tina Williams  
  Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

***Approval of the Minutes***

Mr. Hickman moved to amend the May 24, 2016 Council Minutes to reflect the presence of Mrs. Hale and the absence of Mr. Frenzel; seconded by Mrs. Rubin. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the May 24, 2016 Council Minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

***Visitors***

None.

***Committee Reports***

None.

***Old Business***

**Emergency Resolution No. 24-2016.** A Resolution accepting the 2016 Pavement Resurfacing Bid, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the lowest and/or best bidder, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that this will allow the City to proceed with the resurfacing project that will include Wyndcrest Court, Gorman Court, Davis Drive between Gorman Court and Sackett Drive, Sackett Drive, Belmont Lane, Helsinger Drive, Meadowlands Court, Forest View Court,

and South Main Street from the Mound Cemetery entrance to the south corporation limit of Monroe.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 24-2016 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the second reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 24-2016 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 24-2016; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Resolution No. 25-2016.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Monroe and Lebanon Correctional Institution and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 25-2016 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the second reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 25-2016 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 25-2016; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Resolution No. 26-2016.** A Resolution approving Then-and-Now Certificates in the amount of \$8,890 and \$8,710 to Howell Rescue Systems and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 26-2016 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the second reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 26-2016 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 26-2016; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Resolution No. 27-2016.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Monroe Lions Club for the Light Up the Sky Event and declaring an emergency.

### ***New Business***

None.

## ***Administrative Reports***

Fire Chief John Centers presented a study prepared for fire shared services. Some of the points addressed in the study is a collaborative hiring service because right now, departments have different processes and some applicants must go through the same type of processes repeatedly for different departments. Another point is purchasing one set of gear with Velcro patches that would go on the back of the gear to represent the respective fire department.

Mr. Clark asked how the cost for this would be divided between departments and Chief Centers advised that initially it was talked about charging on a per capita basis.

Chief Centers stated that another concern is the different protocols for each department and working toward a regional protocol so that everyone is operating under the same guidelines. He clarified that Monroe would not reduce their level of service that they currently provide.

Dennis Maher of Buxton explained how his company assists businesses and governments with projects in the retail, restaurant, hospitality, and healthcare sectors. Mr. Maher stated that they have quick access to data that the City generally can only access at a substantial cost.

Mrs. Patterson reported on the Hillwood development located along Clark Boulevard that previous discussions were held with the School District and Council. There are great assets with the property, but there hasn't been very much interest. We needed someone to come in and take on the challenges with the property. The development agreement takes into consideration all of our expectations in developing this property and a partnership between the developer and the City.

Mrs. Patterson would like to bring legislation to the next meeting. The infrastructure is different than others we have seen. The developer is not asking for assistance from the City. This gives the City the opportunity to use the TIF funds for other items. The proposed incentive would be 75% for 10 years. We would propose \$50,000 to the CIC at the signing of the agreement and \$100,000 for each large building and \$50,000 for each small building. This would be \$300,000 to CIC as they are charged with the economic development agent for the City.

Mr. Clark felt that it is a piece of property that not a lot has been done with it and it will allow us to make improvements through the City and supports it.

Mrs. Rubin stated that when you abate a property you make the rates higher for everyone else. We already have abated property with this type of use. We are now creating more. If the land is now too expensive perhaps we should save it for a higher use. Truck traffic is a lot of there now and that travels all the way through town to the Interstate. If we develop a Logistic center it is unlikely it will become anything else. The further we go with that the further we lock that in.

Mr. Hickman did not understand the \$300,000 to the CIC. That is the only issue I have with it. I would probably vote for this, but the only portion I do not agree with is the CIC involvement.

Mrs. Patterson explained that the existing development agreement with IDI at Park North prohibits metal buildings. She did not believe that a cold storage building was considered at the time the development agreement was prepared. The intent was to prohibit the corrugated metal building. She believes you could do something similar to UGN's building along with the landscaping. We would like the ability of Planning Commission to go through their normal process to allow for a cold storage building. These companies are not typically ones that leave. It is an opportunity for a long term business.

Mr. Arthur referred to the existing fence along State Route 63 near U S Bank, and the replacement of it. Mr. Arthur advised that he met with ODOT to see what the options were and they specify chain link and approve other fencing on a case-by-case basis. ODOT would come out and have a consistent looking fence. One of the questions he is trying to obtain an answer to is responsibility for maintenance. He presented different styles of fence.

Mr. Hickman pointed out there is no fence across the street and questioned why a fence was needed. He noted that there are places it is appropriate and there are places it is not.

Mr. Hickman reported that he received complaints that the warning sirens were not heard when tested. Mr. Brock advised that they are designed to be heard when outside not when inside.

### ***Adjournment***

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC  
Clerk of Council