

Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
August 11, 2015 – 6:30 pm
233 S. 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 Council Members were present: Steve Black, Todd Hickman, Dan Clark, Suzi Rubin, Lora Stillman, and Anna Hale.

Staff Members present: City Manager/City Engineer William J. Brock
Law Director K.Philip Callahan
Director of Public Works Daniel J. Arthur
Director of Finance Kacey L. Waggaman
Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk of Council Deana L. England

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the Council Minutes of July 15 and July 28, 2015 and Finance Committee Minutes of July 28, 2015; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Resolution No. 39-2015. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the proposal by Tyler Technologies for a work order module.

Mr. Brock stated that the module would improve the work order process and integrate with the MUNIS module.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider the first reading of Resolution No. 39-2015 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried

The Deputy Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 39-2015 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 39-2015; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 40-2015. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the proposal submitted by Fishbeck, Thompson, Car & Huber, Inc. for professional services to update Storm Water Management Plan.

Mr. Brock stated that this would be an update to our Storm Water Management Plan and the mapping of our system in order to comply with certain EPA regulations. He also stated that they will analyze our Storm Water Utility fee in industrial and commercial areas.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider the first reading of Resolution No. 40-2015 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Deputy Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 40-2015 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 40-2015; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the additional amount of \$50,000 for the purchase of two fire pumpers.

Mr. Brock stated that appropriations would not need to be amended. The appropriations were correct when the total amount was presented, however the \$50,000 was subtracted for the sale back of the current vehicles and should not have been. Mr. Brock stated that they are asking for the release of the full amount of the expenditure.

Mr. Hickman asked how much we would get for the sale of the two current vehicles.

Mr. Brock stated that \$50,000 was anticipated but never had a firm commitment to an amount.

Mrs. Rubin moved to authorize the additional amount of \$50,000 for the purchase of two fire pumpers; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the City Manager to advertise for the lease of real property known as Baker Sports Complex.

Mr. Brock stated that the advertisement would run for 5 weeks.

Mrs. Rubin moved to authorize the City Manager to advertise for the lease of real property known as Baker Sports Complex; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the June 2015 Finance Reports as submitted.

Mrs. Rubin moved to accept the June 2015 Finance Reports as submitted; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried

Mr. Hickman moved to approve the sale of beer and wine on City property for special events with Council's approval for each event.

Mr. Callahan stated that an ordinance in place now cannot be amended by a motion, but by another ordinance. Mr. Callahan asked for time to review.

Mrs. Rubin stated that she would also like to see it on an agenda so the residents can see that the issue is being looked at.

Mr. Hickman rescinded his motion to approve the sale of beer and wine on City property for special events with Council's approval for each event.

Mr. Hickman moved to ask Mr. Callahan to review and bring to Council at the next meeting; seconded by Mrs. Rubin. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Hickman moved to ban the display or sale of the Confederate flag, also known as the Battle flag of the Confederacy, on City owned property and add this to the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Black stated that a couple years ago at the Light up the Sky Event, a vendor had a Confederate Flag draped over the front of their booth. He stated that they were asked to remove them.

Mr. Routson stated that Mr. Callahan would need to be consulted. He stated that he is not sure what the City could do in regards to someone who might have a Confederate flag flying in the back of their pickup truck who visits the park.

Mr. Clark stated that he believes that a freedom of speech issue might arise.

Mrs. Stillman agrees with Mr. Clark. She stated that if a person wants to carry, fly, or wear the flag on City property they would fall under freedom of speech.

Mr. Callahan stated that generally speaking, First Amendment issues arise when you have a government entity restricting the speech. He stated further that if the Lions Club was holding an event and the Lions Club wished to put those conditions on any vendors who would participate, they have that right to do so.

Mr. Callahan stated that if an individual walked into Council Chambers to attend a Council meeting, and they had a Confederate flag draped over their shoulder, Council could not ask them to leave. Mr. Callahan stated that speech that is intended to cause violence does not have the same protection as political speech. He cautioned against making such a broad motion.

Mr. Routson asked Mr. Hickman if he would like to resend his motion.

Mr. Hickman stated no he would like to move on with the motion.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock stated that a minimum of 80 hours would be utilized to update street lighting maps and charges. Mr. Brock stated that a \$1.80 per month would cover those costs.

Mr. Black asked what it would take to get Duke to upgrade to LED lighting for energy efficiency. Mr. Brock stated he would look into it.

Mr. Brock asked if there were any comments on the charge to the utility bill rather than property taxes. Mr. Hickman stated he is in favor for leaving it the way it is. Mr. Black stated that he would rather see it on the utility bill.

Mr. Brock asked Council their availability for the retreat. It was determined that 3pm- 6 pm on the 23rd was more desirable.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss the purchase of real property; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Black moved to adjourn from executive session and into regular session; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 7:47 pm.

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana L. England

Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk of Council