

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
September 9, 2014 – 6:30 pm
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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: City Manager/City Engineer William J. Brock
 Law Director K. Philip Callahan
 Fire Chief John P. Centers
 Director of Public Works Daniel J. Arthur
 Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors: Chief Yoshimura, Susan Wise, Bob Gibbs, and Lisa Cho.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Stillman moved to approve the Council Minutes of September 9, 2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motioned carried.

Visitors:

Chief Centers presented a piece of steel from the World Trade Center acquired by the Fire Department. Chief Centers informed Council that Vision Steel fabricated the podium used to display the steel at no cost.

Bob Gibbs expressed his disagreement with the increase in Council's salary.

Susan Wise invited everyone to the Cruise in at the Cabin on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2014-20. An Ordinance increasing the salary of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Members of Council (Second Reading)

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-20 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2014-20 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-20; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: five ayes, two nays (Clark and Stillman). Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 57-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to advertise and receive bids for highway rock salt and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that through a consortium the City could receive 800 tons; however, there may be a need for additional salt. Therefore, Mr. Arthur is putting together bid specifications to prepare for the possible need.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 57-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 57-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 57-2014; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 58-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease-purchase agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services USA LLC for the lease-purchase of five vehicles for the Department of Public Works and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that there are five trucks available to meet the City's needs.

Mrs. Stillman pointed out that the department will be down three vehicles, but the request is for five. Mr. Arthur explained that two of their vehicles were valued too low to qualify for a trade in, but still need replaced.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 58-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 58-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 58-2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 59-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the City of Fairfield to utilize grant funding in an effort to decrease the incidents of operating vehicle intoxicated violations and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that this is an annual resolution in cooperation with other jurisdictions for OVI/DUI enforcement.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 59-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motioned carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 59-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 59-2014; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 60-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional legal services by and between the City of Monroe and Scott D. Bergthold, P.L.L.C. and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock noted this will allow Mr. Bergthold to review our regulations for sexually oriented businesses.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 60-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motioned carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 60-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 60-2014; seconded by Ms Stillman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 61-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe, the City of Middletown, and the Butler County Transportation Improvement District for the Yankee Relocation Project and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that this would allow for an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Middletown and the TID. It is recommended that the TID use the funds of approximately \$237,000 to assist in the design of the Salzman Road extension.

Mr. Black asked if this funding was just for the design work. Mr. Brock replied that it was and currently there is no funding for the construction. However, there are different funding options, including working with a developer.

Mr. Brock informed Council that he met with the family that owns the property and they are in agreement to proceed with the design of the project as it will help identify the feasibility of the project and how the land would be parceled out.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 61-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motioned carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 61-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 61-2014; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2014-28. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-21, otherwise known as the permanent appropriations ordinance, to meet current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Monroe, during fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

Mr. Brock reported that this will allow for the re-chassis of vehicles, the lease-purchase for trucks, and additional street lighting costs.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 2014-28 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motioned carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2014-28 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-28; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-29. An Ordinance authorizing the trade in of certain personal property no longer needed for municipal purposes and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock noted this will allow for the trade in of the vehicles related to the lease-purchase for the Public Works Department.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-29 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-29 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-29; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the SWOP4G bid for highway rock salt from North American for \$110.35 per ton.

Mr. Rubin moved to accept the SWOP4G bid for highway rock salt from North American for \$110.35 per ton; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock presented a study from Remington Moore on the reuse of the water plant to produce water for specific users and sought input from Council on this idea. Council was open to receiving additional information on this prior to making a decision.

Mr. Brock gave a presentation on the program that will be utilized to allow the public access to the City's budget and expects it to be released within the next month.

Mrs. Rubin moved to recess into study session to discuss the renewal of the trash contract and the lease of Bakers Sports Complex; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Brock reported that the trash contract is in its fourth renewal year and recommended that Council renew the contract for 2015-2016.

Mr. Brock noted the City will not have to advertise for the lease of the Baker Sports Complex as it has one renewal year remaining on the current lease.

Mr. Clark moved to reconvene from study session; seconded by Mrs. Rubin. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Black brought up for discussion increasing the speed limit on Macready Avenue from 25 to 35 between Sands Avenue and Heritage Green Drive. It was agreed that the residents on that street would be contacted for their input.

Mr. Black would like to see body mounted cameras on the police officers and Mr. Brock advised that they are currently testing them and looking for funding for these.

Mr. Black noted that he has received a lot of comments concerning the date set for Beggar's Night.

Mayor Routson announced that the County Auditor has distributed a little over \$20,000 to the City of Monroe from the safety levies.

Adjournment

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

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council