

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
October 13, 2015 - 6:30 pm
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Rubin opened the regular meeting of Council 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, Suzi Rubin, and Lora Stillman.

Staff members present:

- City Manager/City Engineer William J. Brock
- Law Director K. Philip Callahan
- Director of Public Works Daniel J. Arthur
- Chief of Police Robert Buchanan
- Fire Chief John P. Centers
- Director of Development Kevin Chesar
- Director of Finance Kacey L. Waggaman
- Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors: Gary Allen and Taylor Wright

Mrs. Hale moved to excuse Mayor Routson; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Black moved to approve the Council Minutes of September 8, 11, and 22, 2015 and the Finance Committee Minutes of September 22, 2015; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Gary Allen expressed his opposition to the legislation that would allow alcohol in the park. He reminded Council that this subject went before a vote of the electors and was defeated.

Old Business

Resolution No. 49-2015. A Resolution supporting the Tri-State Trails Plan.

Mr. Brock reported that no changes have been made to the legislation since the first reading.

Mr. Black moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 49-2015 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 49-2015 by title only.

Mr. Black moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2015; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-29. An Ordinance repealing Chapter 854 of the Business Regulation Code of the Codified Ordinances and amend Chapter 854 of the Business Regulation Code to update the regulations and licensing of solicitors and peddlers.

Mr. Brock reported that this Ordinance is recommended by the Law Director as a result of certain court rulings.

Mr. Black moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-29 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-29 by title only.

Mr. Black moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-29; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-30. An Ordinance amending Section 286.06 to provide for a change in the fee for a license issued pursuant to Chapter 854 of the Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Brock reported that this will allow for a change in the fee related to the solicitation ordinance.

Mr. Black moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-30 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-30 by title only.

Mr. Black moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-30; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-31. An Ordinance supplementing Section 1064.02(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Monroe to provide for additional regulations concerning alcoholic beverages in municipal park facilities.

Mr. Brock reported that this will allow for the sale and consumption of alcohol in City Parks by groups receiving approval of Council. He advised that the administrative rules are currently being created.

Mr. Black moved to consider this the second reading and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-31 by title only.

Mr. Black moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-31; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 50-2015. A Resolution repealing Emergency Resolution No. 45-2015 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that Emergency Resolution No. 45-2015 was inadvertently adopted as an emergency. The intent was to have two readings giving legal counsel time to review the legislation between readings. After review, legal counsel recommended that Council repeal Emergency Resolution No. 45-2015 and reconsider the boundary amendment with the proposed language set forth in the next Resolution.

Mr. Black moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 50-2015 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the 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. 50-2015 by title only.

Mr. Black moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 50-2015; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 51-2015. A Resolution amending Emergency Resolution No. 44-2007 to adjust the boundaries and rename the City of Monroe Community Reinvestment Area #1, implementing Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Black moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 51-2015 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 51-2015 by title only.

Mr. Black moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 51-2015; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-32. An Ordinance amending the boundaries of the I-75 Monroe Community Entertainment District.

Mr. Brock reported that the creation of the District increases the availability of liquor licenses in the area where the City is likely to see the highest demand for these licenses. In addition, the District is a convenient way to bring the issue of Sunday sales to a vote for the entire District.

However, one consequence is if the voters do not approve an issue of Sunday sales, existing Sunday sale permit holders will lose their privileges. The only permit holder for Sunday sales is the Shell station and this legislation will allow that property to be removed from the District.

Mr. Black moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-32 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-32 by title only.

Mr. Black moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-32; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the July and August 2015 Finance Reports.

Mr. Black moved to accept the July and August 2015 Finance Reports; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Work Session

- Body Cameras. Chief Buchanan reported that he has been considering the pros and cons of the different body cameras available for the officers. He noted that body cameras and compliance with the Ohio Sunshine Law is currently being reviewed.

Chief Buchanan reported that he will bring a request for the purchase of tasers to the next Council meeting as the current tasers are no longer being supported by the manufacturer. He noted they are down 11 now. In response to Mr. Hickman's inquiry he advised that they have used the tasers four times this year.

- Staffing

Mr. Brock reported that review of the 2016 priorities reflected over \$1 million in additional staffing that is not supported by the current five-year forecast. It does support approximately \$450,000 in additional staffing, stable operating levels in most departments, and a 3% annual cost of living. Mr. Black asked about a performance-based COLA and Mr. Brock advised this is an adjustment to the wage range.

Mr. Brock recommended the following 2016 staffing recommendations:

City Manager's Office - promoting Kacey Waggaman to Assistant City Manager.

Finance Department - promoting Kristina Mayes to Income Tax Commissioner and hiring a Comptroller.

Development Department - hiring a Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Compliance Officer.

Department of Public Works - promoting Jordan Parker to the position of City Engineer provided he obtains his engineering certification. Hiring one additional Operator/Laborer II.

Department of Fire - hiring an Administrative Assistant and three additional Lieutenants.

Department of Police - hiring two additional full time patrol officers.

Mr. Black asked about the need for an Administrative Assistant in the Department of Fire. Chief Centers explained that with the implementation of the Community Paramedicine Program there is a need for the coordination of schedules.

Mr. Hickman referred to comments made during previous meetings on the need for an Income Tax Commissioner.

Mr. Brock advised that the priority positions are tied to the Management Plan and staffing needs will continue to be brought to Council as the budget is prepared.

Adjournment

Mr. Black moved to adjourn the regular meeting of Council; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council