

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
October 27, 2015 - 6:30 pm
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Routson 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, 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
 Chief of Police Robert Buchanan
 Fire Chief John P. Centers
 Director of Finance Kacey L. Waggaman
 Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors: Jason Frentzel and Paul Kolozar

Mr. Black moved to excuse Dan Clark; seconded by Mrs. Rubin. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the Council Minutes of October 13, 2015; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

None.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

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. Brock advised this will amend the boundaries of the Community Reinvestment Areas to include the Bishop Farm.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the second 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.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2015; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 52-2015. A Resolution amending Emergency Resolution No. 02-2015 to include a blanket purchase order to Cargill Salt, Inc. and Compass Minerals America, Inc. and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained that this is for salt purchases. Mr. Black asked how much salt is remaining from last year and Mr. Brock advised that it is approximately 1,400 to 1,500 tons.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 52-2015 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 52-2015 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 52-2015; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-33. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Oakland Farms Incorporated for the lease of real property containing approximately 50 gross acres located on North Main Street.

Mr. Brock advised that this is for the lease of the real property for farming purposes.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-33; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-33 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-33; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-34. An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 1064 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Monroe to update the regulations as it relates to municipal park facilities.

Mr. Brock stated that this updates the regulations as it relates to municipal park facilities. Mr. Brock was unsure if the City has clearly defined what areas are considered parks. This encompasses City-owned land that people gather on. Mr. Brock will bring suggested language to Council at the next meeting defining park property.

Mr. Black asked why hot air balloons remained in the legislation and indicated that were it refers to "the park" should be changed to parks. Mr. Brock advised that hot air balloons would be removed and reference to parks would be corrected prior to the second reading.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-34; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-34 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-34; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2015-35. An Ordinance supplementing Section 1065.01 and amend Section 1065.02(f) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Monroe so that the regulations contained in Chapter 1065 apply to all community rooms and to remove the prohibition of alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Black asked what was the purpose of this legislation. Mrs. Stillman explained that she brought this up in the event someone wanted to bring champagne at a bridal shower, for example.

Mr. Black, Mrs. Hale, and Mr. Hickman did not support this.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-35 and have it read by title only. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2015-35 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-35; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Roll call vote: two ayes; four nays (Rubin, Black, Hale, Hickman). Motion failed.

Consideration of Motion authorize the extension of the refuse and recycling contract with Rumpke for one year.

Mrs. Rubin moved to authorize the extension of the refuse and recycling contract with Rumpke for one year. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$39,793.20 for the purchase of tasers for the Department of Police.

Mrs. Rubin moved to authorize the expenditure of \$39,793.20 for the purchase of tasers for the Department of Police; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the SWOP4G bid for highway rock salt from Compass Minerals America, Inc. at the rate of \$64.03 per ton.

Mrs. Rubin moved to accept the SWOP4G bid for highway rock salt from Compass Minerals, Inc. at the rate of \$64.03 per ton; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the Butler County bid for highway rock salt from Cargill Salt Inc. at the rate of \$74.19 per ton.

Mrs. Rubin moved to accept the Butler County bid for highway rock salt from Cargill Salt Inc. at the rate of \$74.19 per ton; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Black asked about reinstating the neighborhood watch program. Chief Buchanan advised that he would like to put that position out to the officers by the end of this year.

Mayor Routson complimented the ribbon cutting at Culvers. He also reported that the Fire Department's chili cook-off is this weekend and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mrs. Stillman urged Council members to attend ribbon cuttings when they could as it means so much to the businesses. She complimented the recent Citizens Police Academy class with Officer Doughman and his K-9, Officer Helix.

Mr. Brock reported that there will be signs at all polling places advising that Issue 9, Lemon Township Police Levy, will not consider the votes of the electors residing in the City of Monroe.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council