

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
November 11, 2014 – 6:30 pm
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Routson opened the regular meeting of Council with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 pm.

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
 Director of Development Kevin Chesar
 Director of Finance Kacey L. Waggaman
 Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors: Kristie McElfresh, Matt Olinger, and Jason Frentzel

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the Council Minutes of October 28, 2014

Visitors

Mr. Brock introduced Robert Buchanan and asked that Council approve his appointment as Chief of Police.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the appointment of Robert Buchanan as Chief of Police effective November 17, 2014; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Resolution No. 75-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to implement a Health Savings Account for calendar year 2015.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 75-2014 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 75-2014 by title only.

Mr. Brock requested that this be adopted as an emergency as employees are going through open enrollment.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Resolution No. 75-2014 as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2014-36. An Ordinance approving the Final Plat of Park North Phase One.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2014-36 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2014-36 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-36; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 76-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the City of Hamilton for the purchase of road salt and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock advised that the City of Hamilton has extra salt they have agreed to allow us to purchase.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 76-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 76-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 76-2014; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 77-2014. A Resolution amending Emergency Resolution No. 74-2014 to include a blanket purchase order to the City of Hamilton for the purchase of road salt, increase the blanket purchase order to North American Salt Company, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock noted this will allow for the blanket purchase order to the City of Hamilton and increase the amount to North American Salt.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 77-2014 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. 77-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 77-2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 78-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the bid and enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and L. J. DeWeese Co., Inc. for concrete work and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that is the bid for concrete work on Deneen and Valleybrook.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 78-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 78-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 78-2014; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 79-2014. A Resolution endorsing and expressing support for Warren County's I-75 Area Plan and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock introduced Matt Olinger from the Warren County Planning Commission and presented Warren County's plan for 33 square miles within Warren County.

Mr. Black expressed his pleasure with the Greentree Interchange being included on the plan.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 79-2014 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 79-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 79-2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2014-37. An Ordinance amending Exhibit "1" of Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-16 to adjust the minimum and maximum wage/salary range for all non union employees by a two percent increase based on the Midwest Employee Cost Index.

Mr. Brock reported that this will coincide with the union employees increase they will be receiving on January 1, 2015 and are included in the forecast and budget.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-37 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2014-37 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-37; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$876,998.00 to Rosenbauer American for the purchase of two fire pumpers.

Chief Centers advised that in looking for vehicles to re-chassis has been difficult due to the EPA regulations being implemented for 2015. He is recommending that we purchase these vehicles rather than waiting for an undetermined amount of time.

Mrs. Waggaman explained that the amounts are included in the capital proposal, the majority of which will come from the debt issuance in December with the remaining coming from the General Fund.

Mr. Hickman as if one could be purchased and combine the two current vehicles. Chief Centers advised that one is 23 years old the other has significant frame damage from an accident. Mr. Black asked Mr. Brock to find out if this was turned into the insurance company.

Mrs. Rubin moved to authorize the expenditure of \$876,998.00 to Rosenbauer American for the purchase of two fire pumpers; seconded by Mr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Arthur reported that he is in the process of updating the route map for salting and clearing the roads during the winter weather. We would like to be conservative on the use of salt this year to avoid running out. We are looking at doing more brining and use of beet juice.

Mrs. Waggaman reported that there are some tweaking necessary to our website and then we will be ready to proceed with online payments.

Mr. Brock pointed out that Council receive preliminary copies of a proposed budget and a current forecast. He noted that we are still on target for 2018.

Mr. Clark would like to have at least a ballpark cost of tearing down the old school rather than an assumption. He would also like to have confirmation if the building is just about ready to collapse.

Mr. Brock stated that the building is not going to collapse, but some of the ceilings may. If that is the direction of Council we can certainly hire someone. In working with the State on potential funding we will need to hire a consultant to put together those numbers and we will learn the cost of the consultant if we proceed.

Mr. Hickman thought it would be good to wait for a decision from the School Board before the City spends money on this.

Mr. Black asked about the safety of professionals entering the building to obtain cost estimates. Chief Centers advised that if they are entering it in an official capacity it would be okay. He added that he and/or a school representative drive by it daily to make sure there is no further damage.

Mrs. Hale would like to look into the possibility of salvaging at least a portion of that building.

Mr. Hickman asked if Council members would be permitted to go through the building. Mr. Brock will find out if that is permissible.

Mr. Brock noted that we are proposing a joint meeting with the Butler County ESC and the School on December 17th, so perhaps a discussion with the School and the City could be held on this matter.

Mr. Clark stated that he was contacted by a resident on the loss of water on Sands Avenue without sufficient notice. Mr. Brock explained that it was due to an unforeseen repair.

Mrs. Rubin announced that there is a press conference next week about the State making additional cuts and House Bill 5.

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council