

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

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***Pledge of Allegiance***

Mayor Routson opened the regular meeting of Council with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 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

***Approval of the Minutes***

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the Finance Committee Minutes and Council Minutes of December 9, 2014; seconded by Mr. Clark.

***Visitors***

None.

***Committee Reports***

None.

***Old Business***

None.

***New Business***

**Emergency Resolution No. 83-2014.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract by and between the City of Monroe and ComDoc for the lease of a copier for the Department of Development and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock advised that the lease for the current copier is expiring and this new one will equal to a \$100 per month savings.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 83-2014 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. 83-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 83-2014; seconded by Mrs. Stillman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 84-2014.** A Resolution accepting the recommendations of the Butler County Tax Incentive Review Council of November 12, 2014.

Mr. Brock reported that the City received a favorable recommendation for the TIF and RID Districts.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 84-2014 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 84-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 84-2014; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 85-2014.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Second Amended Public Services Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Board of Township Trustees of Lemon Township to eliminate police services provided to Lemon Township by the City of Monroe.

Mr. Brock advised that this amends the agreement with Lemon Township. Staff is working on the costs for fire/ems services and public works. Communication services will need to be added in those figures.

Mr. Black asked if the actual expenditures for the last five years have been determined. Mr. Brock will have this by the second reading. Mr. Black asked what happens if we do not approve this. Mr. Brock replied that Lemon Township has already agreed to go with the Butler County Sheriff's office for police services.

Mayor Routson commented that the citizens of Monroe use Lemon Township roads to go back and forth to work, so we may have complaints if they use the County for road services.

In response to Mrs. Stillman's question, Mr. Brock advised that this agreement was a continuing agreement.

Mr. Brock noted that a check was received this week to make up what was omitted from their last payment.

Mr. Black advised that during the Public Safety Committee meeting it was stated that Butler County would not be providing a dedicated vehicle for patrolling.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 85-2014 and have it read by title only.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 85-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 85-2014; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: six ayes; one nay (Black). Motion carried.

**Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-38.** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-31 providing for the additional purpose of acquiring new fire vehicles for the previously authorized issuance of \$825,000 of bonds by the City of Monroe, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that the bond ordinance adopted earlier this year did not include certain language that bond counsel has recommended be included.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-38 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-38 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-38; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-39.** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-33 providing for the additional purposes of acquiring new fire vehicles and replacing the chassis in an ambulance for the previously authorized issuance of \$2,825,000 of bonds by the City of Monroe, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-39 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-39 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-39; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2014-40.** An Ordinance providing for temporary appropriations for the City of Monroe, Ohio to meet the ordinary expenses of said City under authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5708.38 and the Charter of the City of Monroe.

Mr. Brock stated that these temporary appropriations are based on the figures previously provided to Council.

Mr. Black asked if the five-year forecast was updated and Mr. Brock replied that nothing has changed.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 2014-40 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 Ordinance No. 2014-40 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-40; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Motion** to not request a hearing for the issuance of a C1 and C2 liquor permit to Monroe Dollar Store LLC.

Mrs. Rubin moved to not request a hearing for the issuance of a C1 and C2 liquor permit to Monroe Dollar Store LLC; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Motion** accepting the October 2014 Finance Reports as submitted.

Mrs. Rubin moved to accept the October 2014 Finance Reports as submitted; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

### ***Administrative Reports***

Mr. Chesar reported that the City has received complaints about the selling and purchasing of items in the parking lot at Kroger. Mr. Chesar asked Council if they felt it is a concern that staff needs to look at.

Mrs. Rubin advised that it began as a swap of children's items between people; however, now people from other communities are coming in with car loads of various items. She agreed it could not go on, but felt they should be provided the opportunity to correct the situation first.

Mrs. Stillman felt that Kroger needs to police their own parking lot. Mr. Chesar advised that from a zoning standpoint, it would need to be classified as a flea market and not a permitted use. Mr. Callahan questioned whether or not that is a violation if the property owner doesn't mind people hanging out in their parking lot.

Mr. Black asked for a status of the citizen self service ability. Mr. Brock hopes to have it running after the first of the year.

Mr. Clark asked for an update on determining the cost to tear down the old school. Mr. Brock reported that the State is coming in to reassess those costs. The School Facilities Committee is looking at the costs as well.

Mayor Routson announced that the Government Finance Officers Association awarded Mrs. Waggaman a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting.

***Adjournment***

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

Council adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC  
Clerk of Council