

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
December 23, 2014 – 6:30 pm
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor 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, and Suzi Rubin.

Staff members present: City Manager/City Engineer William J. Brock
 Fire Chief John P. Centers
 Chief of Police Bob Buchanan
 Director of Finance Kacey L. Waggaman
 Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors: Anthony Wright and Taylor Wright

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

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the Public Safety Committee Minutes and Council Minutes of December 9, 2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Fire Chief Centers introduced recently appointed Zachary Bernard as Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT.

Virginia Andre submitted a petition to City Council to hire additional full time patrol officers to control the excessive speeding within the City limits.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

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

Mr. Brock noted this is the second reading and no changes were made to the legislation since the first reading.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 84-2014 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Clark.

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

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Resolution No. 84-2014; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: six 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 the police services provided to Lemon Township by the City of Monroe.

Mr. Brock reported that he received information from the Trustees that they would like to reduce the cost for the two services to \$185,000. They have agreed to a one year contract with the Butler County Sheriff for police services. Mr. Brock recommended that the contract not be amended.

Mr. Black did not feel Butler County would be able to provide services to our close neighbors.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 85-2014 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Resolution No. 85-2014; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: five ayes; one nay (Black). Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-41. An Ordinance authorizing the cash advance of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Cemetery Fund and \$1,100,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that this will allow for the cash advances necessary. Mr. Black asked about the increased number of headstones that have fallen at Mound Cemetery. Mr. Brock advised that he will look into the current revenue for the cemeteries.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-41 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. 2014-41 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-41; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-42. An Ordinance to authorize the transfer of the amounts described herein from the General Fund to the Police Law Enforcement Fund, Fire-1989 Levy Fund, Street Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, S. A. Street Lighting Fund, and G.O. Bond Retirement Fund; from the 2004 RID Fund to the G. O. Bond Retirement Fund, and from the Public Safety FEMA Fund to the Fire-1998 Levy Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained that this will allow for transfers from the General Fund in preparation of the final appropriations.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-42 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. 2014-42 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2014-42; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2014-43. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-28, 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 stated that this is the final appropriations for 2014.

Mr. Black asked about the forecast and Mrs. Waggaman replied that expenditures were down and revenue was up.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 2014-43 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 Ordinance No. 2014-43 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-43; seconded by Mr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2014-44. An Ordinance approving the Final Plat of Park North Phase Two.

Mr. Brock advised that this area is where UGN will be located.

Mrs. Rubin moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-44 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2014-44 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-44; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 86-2014. A Resolution accepting donations from various donors to be used for the Department of Fire, Department of Police, K-9 Officer, and Police Honor Guard and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock noted that this accepts various donations.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 86-2014 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. 86-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 86-2014; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 87-2014. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a District Income Tax Collection and Distribution Agreement by and between the City of Monroe, Turtlecreek Township, and the Turtlecreek-Monroe Raceway Joint Economic Development District and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock informed Council that this will allow for an income tax collection and distribution agreement for the Turtlecreek-Monroe Raceway Joint Economic Development District.

Mrs. Rubin moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 87-2014 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. 87-2014 by title only.

Mrs. Rubin moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 87-2014; seconded by Mr. Black. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion to not request a hearing for the issuance of a D5 Liquor Permit to Main Street Social LLC.

Mrs. Hale asked if they could have transferred the permit from the Red Onion. Mr. Black asked Mr. Brock to find out if Mark Bursley still held a liquor permit.

Mrs. Rubin moved to not request a hearing for the issuance of a D5 Liquor Permit to Main Street Social LLC; seconded by Mr. Black. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock announced that Council has been invited to tour the UGN building. It was the consensus of Council that the tour take place on January 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council