

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
November 10, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Frentzel opened the regular meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council members present – Tom Callahan, Jason Frentzel, Anna Hale, Todd Hickman, Christina McElfresh, and Robert Routson.

Mr. Routson moved to excuse Mr. Funk; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Routson moved to approve the Council Minutes of October 10, 13, and 27, 2020; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

None.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Resolution No. 73-2020. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the proposal from Briggs Creative Services, LLC for professional right-of-way acquisition services for the Butler Warren and Mason Road Water Main Improvement Project. (Second Reading)

Mr. Brock requested that this be adopted as an emergency on the second reading so that the property acquisition can move forward.

Mr. Routson moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Resolution No. 73-2020 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the second reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 73-2020 by title only.

Mr. Routson moved to adopt Resolution No. 73-2020; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 74-2020. A Resolution approving a Then-and-Now Certificate in the amount of \$4,590.00 to CDW Government and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that this is for network infrastructure needed for the connection of the City Building and the new police facility.

Mr. Routson moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 74-2020 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. 74-2020 by title only.

Mr. Routson moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 74-2020; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 75-2020. A Resolution authorizing specific expenditures of the City of Monroe's share of Coronavirus Relief Funds as legislated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated this authorizes the third disbursement of the CARES funds. We do have an opportunity to receive additional CARES funds if other communities do not spend what they have been allocated on time. He advised that Butler County is considering a program similar to what we have done for small businesses.

Mr. Routson moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 75-2020 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on its 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. 75-2020 by title only.

Mr. Routson moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 75-2020; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 76-2020. A Resolution urging the Governor of the State of Ohio and the State Legislature of Ohio to extend the deadline for members of a public body to hold and attend meetings via electronic technology during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D on March 9, 2020, until the declared emergency is terminated, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained this would urge the Governor of the State to extend the time to hold remote meetings by public bodies.

Mr. Routson moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 76-2020 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. 76-2020 by title only.

Mr. Routson moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 76-2020; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock reported that there will be a budget presentation at the next meeting in preparation of the temporary appropriations to be adopted at the December meeting. We have had a lot of challenges with this budget with all of the unknown this year. There has been a lot of CARES Act money coming through, but we do not want to consider those for future budgets as they are not anticipated to be reoccurring revenue.

Mr. Brock informed Council that there is a subdivision going in near our southern border that will connect to Tam-O-Shanter.

Mr. Brock asked Council if there is any changes from Council they intend to go live with the Open Checkbook.

Mrs. McElfresh reported that she received an email from a concerned citizen about the traffic light on west and east bound State Route 63 and Britton Lane. It is from Kathy Gross and would like to know what it would take to replace that signal with a flashing yellow.

Mr. Brock advised that he is running a report for the traffic accidents in that area and will look into a flashing yellow light to see if it would be of benefit.

Executive Session – To consider the employment and compensation of public employees.

Mr. Routson moved to adjourn into executive session to consider the employment and compensation of public employees; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:47 p.m.

Mr. Routson moved to reconvene into regular session; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:23 p.m.

Mr. Routson announced that the girl's high school soccer team is playing in the State Semi-Finals in Xenia and received a Monroe Police escort up there. It makes you proud to know the City is supporting the community and the soccer team.

Mr. Callahan asked what the date of the next Council meeting is and Mayor Frentzel replied it was November 24th and the December meeting was moved to December 15th.

Adjournment

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

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council