CITY OF MONROE OHIO

Monroe Council Agenda
Regular Meeting of Council
March 14, 2023 – 6:30 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes

Finance Committee Minutes of February 28, 2023; Council Minutes of February 28, 2023; and Public Involvement Committee Minutes of March 2, 2023.

Visitors

Presentation of Proclamation - Chief John Centers

Consideration of Motion approving the appointment of David Leverage as Fire Chief effective March 15, 2023.

Paul Gabbard - MidPointe Library Monroe Annual Report

Committee Reports

Public Works Committee

Finance Committee

Administrative Liaison Committee

Technology Committee

Public Involvement Committee

Public Safety Committee

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2023-05. An Ordinance amending and supplementing Exhibit "1" of Ordinance No. 2022-35 to create the unclassified positions of IT Operations Manager and Economic Development Professional; change the titles of Financial Operations Manager to Technology Services Manager, Finance Specialist (Technology) to Technology Support Specialist, and Assistant Finance Director to Financial Servicess Manager; and include an amendment to Exhibit "1" of Ordinance No. 2022-06 to reflect the position of Battalion Chief as a classified position. (Second Reading - Tabled February 28, 2023)

New Business

Resolution No. 18-2023. A Resolution approving a Then-and-Now Certificate in the amount of $5,977.92 to the Butler County Emergency Management Agency.

Strategic Priority: Good Governance

Background: A purchase order was not opened prior to receiving the annual invoice for the 2023 Membership Dues to the Butler County Emergency Management Agency.

Resolution No. 19-2023. A Resolution approving a Then-and-Now Certificate in the amount of $3,900.43 to Air Force One

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

Background: The bay heaters at both Station 61 and Station 62 had their annual servicing and it was found that some minor repairs above the usual service were needed to keep them operating efficiently. Repairs were made and upon receiving the invoices, an attempt was made to pay with a PCard. We were informed that there would be a 3% finance charge if this payment option was processed. In order to avoid this, a Then and Now was submitted. In the future, a PO will be pulled after receiving a quote for repairs.

Resolution No. 20-2023. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept grant funds in the amount of $6,636 from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Trench Safety Grant (TSG) program to allow for the purchase of a Smartshore System to assist with repairs to water mains and service lines.

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

Background: A grant application was submitted on January 27, 2023 to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) as part of their Trench Safety Grant (TSG) program. BWC uses the TSG program to partner with Ohio employers to substantially reduce or eliminate injuries associated with trenching operations. This grant is a 4-to-1 matching grant up to a maximum of $12,000.

The City applied for a 57x87 Smartshore System to assist with repairs to water mains and service lines. As more underground utilities are being installed in our Right of Ways, these repairs are becoming more cumbersome to use a traditional trench box. When a water repair emergency arises, time is crucial to restore service to customers. We have found that when using our traditional trench, it takes longer to move and set up. The Smartshore unit is easier to handle without assistance of a machine and can be installed around existing utilities.

The total purchase price is $8,295, with the grant covering $6,636 of this purchase, resulting in a remaining City cost of $1,659.

Resolution No. 21-2023. A Resolution amending and supplementing the Investment and Deposit Policy set forth in Resolution No. 49-2023.

Strategic Priority: Good Governance

Background: The City of Monroe adopted an Investment and Deposit Policy in 2007, and then repealed and amended that policy in 2013 by Resolution 49-2013. This policy has not been updated in approximately 10 years, and many common terms, and in some cases, laws, have changed during this time frame.

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The current investment policy and proposed changes were discussed at the February 28, 2023 Finance Committee meeting, and the updates are now being recommended for adoption by City Council. At the Finance Committee meeting, the goals of the City's investment policy, our current investment portfolio and associated rates of return and revenues, and the actual updates to the investment policy were all discussed in detail. This presentation has been included for City Council review.

Resolution No. 22-2023. A Resolution to opt-in to participate in the opioid settlement agreements with Teva, Allergan, Walgreens, Walmart, and CVS and authorizing the City Manager and/or Law Director to execute any and all documents related to these settlement agreements.

Strategic Priority: Good Governance

Background: Proposed nationwide settlement agreements ("Settlements") have been reached that would resolve opioid litigation brought by states, local political subdivisions, and special districts against two pharmaceutical manufacturers, Teva and Allergan ("Manufacturers"), and three pharmacies, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart ("Pharmacies"). Local political subdivisions and special districts are referred to as "subdivisions."

The Settlements require the settling Manufacturers and Pharmacies to pay billions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic. The Settlements total over $20 billion. Of this amount, approximately $17 billion will be used by participating states and subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis. Depending on participation by states and subdivisions, the Settlements require: Teva to pay up to $3.34 billion over 13 years and to provide either $1.2 billion of its generic versionof the drug Narcan over 10 years or an agreed upon cash equivalent over 13 years; Allergan to pay up to $2.02 billion over 7 years; CVS to pay up to $4.90 billion over 10 years; Walgreens to pay up to $5.52 billion over 15 years; and Walmart to pay up to $2.74 billion in 2023, and all payments to be made within 6 years.

As provided under the Agreements, these figures are net of amounts attributable to prior settlements between the Defendants and certain states/subdivisions, and include amounts for attorneys' fees and costs.

The Settlements also contain injunctive relief governing opioid marketing, sale, distribution, and/or dispensing practices.

Consideration of Motion to authorize the expenditure of $38,050.00 to Team EJP for 10 fire hydrants.

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

Background: This purchase is to acquire ten fire hydrants for our water distribution crew to replace ten out of service hydrants within the system. In the past, fire hydrants have been purchased through the general operating budget of water maintenance throughout the year. This year, due to several circumstances, we included a bulk purchase in the capital water budget. Since COVID, the supply of fire hydrants has become very sparse. Between raw material shortages and labor shortages, fire hydrants are very hard to get and the price has increased more than 40% over the past few years.

Through our advances with GIS, the fire department and GIS Analyst have been able to organize a hydrant flushing program that has allowed us to collect good data on all of our fire hydrants. We have been able to determine that there are 10 hydrants that are broken and out of service. These out of service hydrants have install dates that range from 1960 to 1979. Once purchased and received, the water distribution crew will remove and replace the out of service hydrants. This bulk fire hydrant purchase will become an annual capital budget request until such a time that lead time and cost issues are no longer a concern. It is critical to always have multiple fire hydrants on hand so they can be replaced when damaged or found to be non-working.

Consideration of Motion accepting the December 2022 and January 2023 Finance Reports as submitted.

Consideration of Motion appointing members to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Administrative Reports

Discussion - Strategic Priorities

Adjournment