



**Monroe Council Agenda  
Regular Meeting of Council  
April 11, 2023 – 6:30 PM  
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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***Pledge of Allegiance***

***Roll Call***

***Approval of the Minutes***

Finance Committee Minutes of March 28, 2023; Council Minutes of March 28, 2023; and Public Works Committee Minutes of March 29, 2023

***Visitors***

Ceremonial swearing in of Steve Sarver, Rusty Rickard, and Scott Clasgens as Battalion Chief and Aaron Forrer and Paul Peters as Fire Lieutenant

***Committee Reports***

Public Works Committee  
Finance Committee  
Administrative Liaison Committee  
Technology Committee  
Public Involvement Committee  
Public Safety Committee

***Old Business***

**Ordinance No. 2023-08.** An Ordinance imposing a moratorium for a period of 180 days on the granting of any new permits allowing retail dispensaries for medical marijuana within the City of Monroe. (Second Reading)

***New Business***

**Resolution No. 29-2023.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to review, accept bids, and enter into an agreement with a natural gas supplier to provide natural gas to City-owned buildings.

**Strategic Priority:** Good Governance

**Background:** Pricing for natural gas is bid on a daily basis. We will work with Energy Alliance to seek those bids and give a recommendation to accept bid prices for all City facilities. Because this pricing is good for only a limited time, it does not allow for our normal bidding and acceptance process. In order to ensure we get the best rates, the City Manager would need to react to those bids in a timely manner. Review of accounts and pricing will be conducted by Energy Alliance and Finance



Department and a recommendation will be given to the City Manager of when to accept the bids. Depending on the pricing and the market, these bids can be anywhere from 1-3 years.

**Resolution No. 30-2023.** A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Warren Council Tax Incentive Review Council of March 10, 2023.

**Strategic Priority:** Strategic Growth and Development

**Background:** The TIRC has statutory authority to review the City's tax abatements, tax increment financing districts, and residential improvement districts. This review is in addition to the required annual reports that are filed with the state for their review.

The TIRC can recommend continuation, modification, termination of the incentive based on its review. City Council then reviews the recommendation and approves, modifies, or terminates the incentive accordingly. The Warren County TIRC met on March 10, 2023 to review the tax abatements in Park North at Monroe and recommended continuation of the abatements. The Butler County TIRC is expected to meet in November to evaluate the City's remaining abatements.

Because the Warren County TIRC was held earlier than usual (and earlier than the required state filing for TIFs and RIDs), the TIRC was only able to review tax abatements. They will review the TIFs and RIDs at their next meeting.

**Ordinance No. 2023-09.** An Ordinance amending Sections 236.02 and 236.025 of Chapter 236 of the Codified Ordinances to change the title of Assistant Finance Director to the existing title of Finance Administrator.

**Strategic Priority:** Good Governance

**Background:** Due to the change in the title of Assistant Finance Director in the wage ordinance, it is necessary to reflect the title change in the Administration Code of the Codified Ordinances.

**Consideration of a Motion** to authorize the expenditure of \$18,055.00 to All Traffic Solutions for the purchase of a combination speed and messaging trailer for the police department.

**Strategic Priority:** Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

**Background:** Currently, the department has two speed trailers. This purchase will replace the oldest trailer, originally purchased in 1999, that only measured speed and did not provide any data or messaging capabilities. The other trailer was purchased in 2017 and we have been very satisfied with its use in the field and the data reports that it generates. This information helps us calm traffic speeds in a specific area at the time as well as provide us with information to develop direct traffic enforcement initiatives in an effort to slow vehicles down. The police department consistently receives requests for speed enforcement, and the two trailers are often in use at the same time in separate locations around the city. In 2022, the two speed trailers were placed in 23 different locations across the City. On average, they will remain in one location for a week at a time. Our oldest trailer was used five times, and our newest trailer was placed in a location eighteen times. Like our newest speed trailer, this one has the ability to display specific messaging during critical incidents, community events, or to



disseminate public information. In addition, the trailer's messaging board can be turned off and the unit can be used to collect data on traffic behaviors in order to gain a clearer picture on the speeds in an area when the presence of the trailer will have a minimal impact on the driver's speed. This purchase is part of our initiative to provide effective services to the community and have the necessary equipment to meet the requests of our citizens to address traffic concerns and other quality of life issues throughout Monroe.

**Consideration of Motion** to request a hearing on the issuance of a C1 and C2 Liquor Permit to Family Dollar Stores of Ohio LLC located at 6 North Main Street.

**Strategic Priority:** Strategic Growth and Development

**Background:** Permit C-1 may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail store to sell beer in containers and not for consumption on the premises where sold in original containers having a capacity of not more than five and one-sixth gallons.

Permit C-2 may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail store to sell wine in sealed containers only and not for consumption on the premises where sold in original containers. The holder of this permit may also sell and distribute in original packages and not for consumption on the premises where sold or for resale, prepared and bottled highballs, cocktails, cordials, and other mixed beverages manufactured and distributed by holders of A-4 and B-4 permits, and containing not less than four per cent of alcohol by volume, and not more than twenty-one per cent of alcohol by volume.

#### *Administrative Reports*

- Discussion - Posting Adopted Legislation
- Discussion - Rules of Council
- Presentation by Tom Smith - Medical Marijuana Report
- Presentation by Tom Smith - Downtown Master Plan - Request For Proposal
- Presentation by Jennifer Patterson - Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Executive Session - to consider the purchase of property for public purposes.

#### *Adjournment*