



**Monroe Council Agenda
Regular Meeting of Council
June 13, 2023 – 6:30 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes Council Minutes of May 23, 2023

Visitors

- Dawna Fogarty, Chief Executive Officer of the Warren County Community Services, Inc.

Committee Reports

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

Old Business

New Business

Resolution No. 37-2023. A Resolution determining the bid submitted by W. G. Stang for the Brittany Heights Storm Sewer Replacement Project to be the lowest and/or best bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for said project.

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

Background: The Brittany Heights Storm Sewer Replacement Project consisted of three separate projects. Project 1 was to replace all remaining catch basins within the subdivision. Project 2 was to replace catch basins and storm pipe along Sands Ave. south of Deneen Ave. We are also re-directing the flow of the water to Winston Ln. to avoid getting an easement from Mount Pleasant and Duke energy. Project 3 was to replace corrugated storm pipe and catch basins at the intersection of Deneen Ave. and Britton Ln.

\$650,000.00 was approved by Council in the 2023 budget for this project. Once bids were opened, Jackson Construction was the apparent low bid with a total for all three projects at \$778,646.45, which is over our budgeted amount. About one week after the bid opening, Jackson Construction contacted



Public Works and pulled their bid. He had an error in his bid that caused him to be \$100,000.00 low on the base bid.

The second place bidder was W.G. Stang Co., W.G. Stang had done work in Monroe on a previous phase of Brittany Heights catch basin replacement and Public Works was very happy with their work. We are asking that council approve the base bid and bid alternate 1 which comes to a cost of \$546,255.60. WG Stang has said they would like to be awarded this contract, since the low bid defaulted.

We will save bid alternate 2 for consideration in next year's capital budget as stand alone project.

Ordinance No. 2023-12. An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to affect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code and directing the Butler County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

Background: Natural Gas Aggregation allows for group purchase of energy, in this case, natural gas. Group purchase of natural gas shows a lowering of overall cost for individuals in the group. The legislation would consider all residences and small businesses in Monroe as a part of the group. In order to initiate that group purchase, a ballot initiative needs to be voted upon at the November election by the electors of Monroe to create the aggregated group as an opt-out initiative. The opt-out initiative allows for the group to include all properties in Monroe, less those who are currently under a separate agreement to purchase natural gas. If the ballot initiative passes, the City, working with MVCC and Palmer will follow the steps necessary that will create the group and seek bids for natural gas. It is anticipated that the results fo this process will be seen by the rate payers in the group by this time next year.

Ordinance No. 2023-13. An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to affect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and directing the Butler and Warren County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

Background: Electric Aggregation allows for group purchase of energy, in this case, electricity. Group purchase of electricity shows a lowering of overall cost for individuals in the group. The legislation would consider all residences and small businesses in Monroe as a part of the group. In order to initiate that group purchase, a ballot initiative needs to be voted upon at the November election by the electors of Monroe to create the aggregated group as an opt-out initiative. The opt-out initiative allows for the group to include all properties in Monroe, less those who are currently under a separate agreement to purchase electricity. If the ballot initiative passes, the City, working with MVCC and Palmer will follow the steps necessary that will create the group and seek bids for electricity. It is anticipated that the results fo this process will be seen by the rate payers in the group by this time next year.



Consideration of Motion approving Paramedic School Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Cincinnati State for the tuition costs of two firefighters.

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Systems and Infrastructure - Staff Resources

Background: This is the approval of the funding for the PO that will cover the tuition cost of Ashton Conte and Tyler Todhunter to attend Paramedic School at Cincinnati State. This was a condition of their employment.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$28,390.00 to SWOCA for fiber repair work on Yankee Road.

Strategic Priority: Well Managed Services and Infrastructure

Background: The City and the Southwest Ohio Computer Associates (SWOCA) entered into an agreement to maintain the City fiber network. The agreement allows SWOCA to use its bidding procedures and perform the work necessary for the City as they operate as a government entity. In a review of location prior to implementation of the agreement, 3 areas were identified on the City network that were in conflict with Duke Energy. One of those locations was along Yankee Road north of SR63, which would require either the replacement of 3 poles at a cost of approximately \$25,000 each or the removal of our fiber from the poles. It was determined that there was a need to replace an existing fiber conduit in that area which is owned by Monroe Local Schools and managed by SWOCA. Council previously approve an agreement for sharing of the new conduits within Yankee road to place our fiber in those conduits along with those of the School. The School Board has recently also signed off on that shared use agreement and SWOCA is proceeding with that work at the cost proposed for approval by this action. This cost is for the City's portion of the work.

Administrative Reports

- Sarah Hunold, Human Resources Manager - Presentation on personnel policy updates.
- Gary Morton, Director of Public Works - Update on Mason Road Project.

Adjournment