

**Monroe Council Agenda  
Regular Meeting of Council  
April 24, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.  
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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***Pledge of Allegiance***

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

***Roll Call***

The following Members of Council were present: Dan Clark, Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, Anna Hale, Todd Hickman, Christina McElfresh, and Robert Routson

The following staff members were present:

Law Director K. Philip Callahan  
Director of Public Works Daniel J. Arthur  
Fire Chief John P. Centers  
Director of Development Kevin Chesar  
Clerk of Council/Assistant to the City Manager Angela S. Wasson

***Approval of the Minutes*** – Council Minutes of April 10, 2018

Mr. Clark moved to approve the Council Minutes of April 10, 2018; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

***Visitors***

None.

***Committee Reports***

No Committee Reports

***Old Business***

**Resolution No. 20-2018.** A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Warren County Tax Incentive Review Council of March 12, 2018. (Second Reading)

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 20-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 20-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-2018 seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

### ***New Business***

**Emergency Resolution No. 21-2018.** A Resolution approving a Then-and-Now Certificate in the amount of \$5,371.00 to Lexipol, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the rule requiring of Emergency Resolution No. 21-2018 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 21-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 21-2018; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Resolution No. 22-2018.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract by and between the City of Monroe and Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the Pavement Resurfacing Project and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Arthur reported that this is the annual resurfacing project that we bid out every year. This year we included Oaklawn, Hollybrook, Salzman Road going to the new road to the north, North Union Road from Miami Valley Gaming to the new road, A. Seth Johnston Way, Mound cemetery, and Old Hamilton-Lebanon Road.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 22-2018 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. 22-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 22-2018; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Resolution No. 23-2018.** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amended Medical Director Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Jill C. Aston to increase the annual payment for services provided to the Department of Fire as Medical Director and declaring an emergency.

Chief Centers stated that the increase is based on a satisfactory evaluation and the increase in services with the paramedic program. Those are items that that were not part of the initial agreement.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 23-2018 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 23-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 23-2018; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 24-2018.** A Resolution authorizing Members of City Council who hold a valid concealed carry permit pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code to carry a concealed weapon during meetings of City Council and meetings of Council Committees at specific City-owned facilities.

Mayor Routson had questions he would like answered prior to the second reading. One is the effect it would have on our insurance rates. We asked for a response from staff noting that Mr. Brock provided his opinion; however, he would like more of staff's response. Mayor Routson stated that he spoke with the Butler County Prosecutor, Mike Gmoser and he would like to have a copy of the resolution. Mayor Routson advised Mr. Gmoser that there were additional documents that we could send to him.

Mr. Clark asked if we wanted to table it and Mayor Routson felt that Council didn't need to table it as they will see how it goes after the first reading and, if we don't have the answers by the second reading, we can table it then.

Mrs. McElfresh requested the cost to have an officer posted outside Council meetings. Mayor gave the example of Area II Court where you have to walk through a metal detector. He doesn't believe we need anything that big, but felt that a police officer might be an option. Mayor Routson noticed that there there has been some conversations where some feel uneasy sitting up here but, I want to make sure everything is proper.

Mr. Funk pointed out that most of the conversation has been if we are able to pass the legislation but, we have not talked about the need. He stated he has his CCW and hasn't felt the need to carry during meeting of Council and would like to hear more of those opinions.

Mr. Clark was of the opinion that it is more of having it and not needing it rather than need it and not having it. You may not feel the need today; however, if the need arises you have it. It is the same reason you have your concealed carry. The reason you get that is not because you actually expect to get into armed confrontations. In fact when they teach those classes, they teach you how to avoid armed confrontations. It is all about it is about responsibility. Concealed carry has been a part of life in Ohio for a long time. Mr. Clark noted that he liked the questions that Mayor Routson brought up.

Mr. Hickman stated that just because we pass this doesn't mean you have to carry a gun in here. It is passed as an option for you to do that. If you feel like you need to carry. There have been a couple of occasions where Mr. Hickman thought maybe it would have been a good idea to carry since he has been on Council. This legislation gives you an opportunity if you have a concealed

carry. Mr. Hickman further stated that as far as staff and other people carrying that would be up to Mr. Brock and whether he would want his staff carrying.

In response to Mr. Funk's comment, Mr. Frentzel advised that he has never felt the need to bring one. He agreed with Mr. Clark's comment that you may not necessarily feel the need now; however, Mr. Frentzel is concerned about the outward perception that this puts of not only what happens in here but what happens in the City. I know there have been a few people that have told members of Council they saw this in the news and have questioned what his going on in Monroe that we now have to consider this. Mr. Frentzel indicated that he has not spoken with Mrs. Patterson about this specific issue but, she has given a presentation showing that potential businesses that come to the City do a Google search and anything that pops up, whether good, bad, or indifferent, forms their opinion of whether they want to bring that business or not.

Mr. Clark commented that people carry responsibly every single day and does not consider that to be a negative as it is an ordinary part of life.

Mr. Frentzel acknowledged that he has his CCW and I understood that the people that have it are more responsible people as far as gun owners.

Mrs. McElfresh expression her opinion that if you are going to open it up to allow Council to carry it should be open to everybody and she isn't sure Council would like to do that.

Mr. Hickman pointed out that the Butler County Sheriff is training teachers in schools and it doesn't mean that everyone is going to be allowed to carry in the school it just means that that certain teachers are going to be able to carry. He stated it is basically the same thing we are doing here.

Mr. Clark indicated that staff and visitors carrying is s a separate discussion and a different piece of legislation.

Mr. Hickman stated that the City Manager would have to decide if he would want people in the community or his staff carrying and doesn't believe that is something that Council should push for.

Mrs. McElfresh did not want this perceived as something that is discriminatory in nature.

Mayor Routson felt comfortable passing as a first reading and not comfortable passing it on a second reading yet.

Mr. Clark also felt comfortable passing it on the first reading and waiting for the questions to be answered before considering adopting it on the second reading.

Mrs. Hale did not feel this is needed at the present time and would vote no.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 24-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried. Mrs. Hale nay.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 24-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 24-2018; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: five ayes; two nays (Frentzel and Hale). Motion carried.

***Administrative Reports***

None.

***Adjournment***

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the regular meeting of Council; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC  
Clerk of Council