Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
June 26, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Public Hearing: **Resolution No. 36-2018**. A Resolution approving the Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District filed by Eve Oglesby Kristin, Trustee, for real property located on Hamilton-Middletown Road.

Mayor Routson opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Routson advised he will explain the difference between property being placed in an agricultural district and having a CAUV status. The stated the public hearing will run as follows:

> The request will be presented by the City Manager. Following this presentation, anyone wishing to speak in favor of the proposal will be given an opportunity to speak. After all proponents have spoken, the opponents will be given an opportunity to present their case. Speakers are asked not to repeat the same ideas which have been previously presented, but indicate that they agree with a previous speaker. All persons speaking are subject to cross examination and must be sworn. Council has the opportunity to question any speaker after they have completed their presentation. Once the public hearing is closed, individual speakers have no right to comment during discussion by Council members.

Mr. Brock presented the application and the proof of publication.

Mayor Routson explained that there are three properties in Monroe in the agricultural district. If water or sewer lines are put in they are exempt during the period of time they are in the agricultural district from having to make payments towards that. It protects the farmer that may annoy residential neighbors. If you have someone that has cattle, and when they separate the calves from the cattle, the calves are loud and neighbors may complain, but that makes the farmer exempt. All of the farms we have are in the CAUV program and it bases the taxes on the type of soil you have on the farm and it does not include the home and receive a reduction in taxes.

Mr. Clark moved to accept the documents; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Routson opened the regular meeting of Council at 6:36 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members of Council present: Dan Clark, Jason Frentzel, Todd Hickman, Christina McElfresh, and Robert Routson.

Staff members present: City Manager William J. Brock
Law Director K. Philip Callahan
Director of Public Works Daniel J. Arthur
Chief of Police Robert Buchanan
Director of Finance Karen Ervin
Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Mr. Clark moved to excuse Mr. Funk and Mrs. Hale; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

None.

Visitors

None

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2018-09. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with ProLogis substantially in the form attached hereto. (Second Reading – Tabled June 12, 2018)

Council took no action on Ordinance No. 2018-09.

Resolution No. 34-2018. A Resolution adopting the Master Plans for Monroe Bicentennial Commons, Monroe Community Park, and Baker Sports Complex. (Second Reading)

Mr. Brock noted this is the second reading and no changes have been made since the first reading.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 34-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 34-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 34-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 35-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Monroe Local School District to provide for two School Resource Officers. (Second Reading

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 35-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 35-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2018; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 36-2018. A Resolution approving the Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District filed by Eve Oglesby Kristin, Trustee, for real property located on Hamilton-Middletown Road. (Second Reading)

Mr. Hickman asked if you have to be in the agricultural district to get the CAUV. Mayor Routson explained that you have to have the CAUV to be in an agricultural district. The qualifications are if you have 10 acres or more and you are farming the property. If you have less than 10 acres you have to prove that you gross $2,500 or more.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 36-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 36-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 37-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and The Kleingers Group for professional engineering services to upgrade an existing water main on Mason Road to connect to the main on Gateway Boulevard and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that as a part of the water system needs we have had water main breaks in the Garver Road area. With the development in the south and we would like to move forward with the design in the water main to improve service in that area.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 37-2018 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. 37-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 37-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2018-11. An Ordinance authorizing the sale or trade in of certain personal property no longer needed for municipal purposes and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that we are looking to sell a 1996 and 1997 John Deere tractor. Mr. Clark asked approximately how much they would sell for and Mr. Hickman asked if they would be traded in toward the new tractors. Mr. Arthur replied that he expects to receive between $10,000 and $20,000 and felt that the City would receive more money selling them than trading them in.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2018-11 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 Ordinance No. 2018-11 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2018-11; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-12. An Ordinance amending Section 452.12 of the Codified Ordinances to prohibit parking on any street designated primarily for service to industrial or commercial areas.

Mr. Brock stated that the intent of the design of the industrial area is not to have parking along the roadways as the truck traffic increases. Mr. Hickman asked how it affects Amazon. Mr. Frentzel pointed out they have a large enough lot for the trucks to park on. Mrs. McElfresh asked if it would apply to Kohl's and Mr. Brock advised it would and they have had many discussions with Kohl's.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-12 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2018-12 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-12; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the expenditure of $52,919.23 for the purchase of two John Deere 5055E Utility Tractors and a John Deere MX6 Rotary Cutter for the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Hickman asked if additional bids were received and Mr. Arthur advised they were purchased under the State bid.

Mr. Clark moved to authorize the expenditure of $52,919.23 for the purchase of two John Deere 5055E Utility Tractors and a John Deere MMX6 Rotary Cutter for the Department of Public Works; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the placement of a Tree Memorial in honor of Kaylie Jackson.

Mr. Brock referred to sample policies from other jurisdictions and felt that it would be a good idea to designate an area and a list of approved trees.

Mr. Hickman noted that the Little Miami Bike Trail has memorial benches and thought that would be a good idea.

Mr. Brock noted that the placement of the proposed tree and memorial would not be in a location that would hinder future development.

Mr. Clark moved to authorize the placement of a Tree Memorial in honor of Kaylie Jackson; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the December 2017; January, February, and March 2018 Finance Reports as submitted.

Mr. Clark moved to accept the December 2017; January, February, and March 2018 Finance Reports as submitted; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to amend the agenda to include the consideration of Emergency 38-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman.

Emergency Resolution No. 38-2018. A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a collective bargaining agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 38-2018 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. 38-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 38-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock reported that there is an approved preliminary plat and a petition for special assessments for infrastructure improvements in the area of Senate Drive. Mr. Brock intends to present this to the Finance Committee as there are approximately $1.8 million in improvements and $2.3 million in bond needs. Those options are if we use our bonding capacity or run it through the Warren County Port Authority.

Adjournment

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council