Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
July 10, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members of Council present: Dan Clark, Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, Anna Hale, Todd Hickman, Christina McElfresh, and Robert Rouston.

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
Fire Chief John P. Centers
Director of Finance Karen Ervin
Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Visitors present: Gloria Hendrickson, Brian Leonard, Mark Volkman, Mike Carrico, Christine Lee, Lori Smallwood, Madison Smallwood, and Landon Smallwood.

Visitors

Mayor Routson presented a proclamation and badge to Madison Smallwood naming her Honorary Mayor of the City of Monroe on July 11, 2018.

Gloria Hendrickson requested assistance from Council to prohibit the newspapers with advertisements from being distributed in everyone's driveway.

Mayor Routson opened the Public Hearing on the 2019 Tax Budget giving the following statement of the procedure for the public hearing:

"The 2019 Tax Budget will be presented by the Director of Finance. Following this presentation, anyone wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to speak. Council has the opportunity to question any speaker after they have completed their presentation."

Following the presentation of the 2019 Tax Budget by the Director of Finance, there were no questions or comments from the audience.

Mr. Clark moved to close the 2019 Tax Budget public hearing; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried

Approval of the Minutes – Council Minutes of June 12, 2018; Finance Committee Minutes of June 12, 2018; and Council Minutes of June 26, 2018.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the Council Minutes of June 12, 2018; Finance Committee Minutes of June 12, 2018; and Council Minutes of June 26, 2018; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn into Executive Session to consider confidential information related to specific business strategy for economic assistance; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Mr. Clark moved to reconvene into regular session; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:10 p.m.

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)

Mr. Clark moved to remove Ordinance No. 2018-09 from the table; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-09 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2018-09 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-09; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: five ayes; two nays (Clark and Hickman). 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. (Second Reading)

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second 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 adopt Ordinance No. 2018-12; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 39-2018. A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget for the City of Monroe, Ohio, for the 2019 fiscal year and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 39-2018 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 39-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 39-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 40-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Governing Board of the Butler County Educational Service Center for certain technology related services and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that this the annual agreement with the Butler County Educational Service Center for IT related services. This is brought to the Council annually because the original intent was that as it grew our costs would go down. This is the first year it went down. Last year the cost was $169,281 and this year it is $148,144.

Mr. Hickman asked if the cost included 100 hours of block time. Mr. Brock explained there is 100 hours of block time for consultant services to do some of the core server work and security work. If we do not utilize them we could see a reduction in our cost. Mr. Hickman asked if this is just for one person and Mr. Brock stated that we have one person designated to this building at all times. If we needed additional assistance it would come out of the 100 block hours.

Mr. Clark asked if we could do something cheaper such as retain someone on our own. Mr. Brock replied that we used to have someone we retained on our own, but the breadth of the IT that needed to be done caused us to hire consultants to fill those needs.

Mr. Hickman was of the opinion that $148,000 for one position seems like we could hire someone a lot cheaper.

Mr. Brock indicated that the Technology Committee could meet and revisit the issue. He added that there would be a disruption in service if Council did not pass this.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 40-2018 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. 40-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 40-2018; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: six ayes; one nay (Hickman). Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 41-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and CGI Communications, Inc. for the development and implementation of a community video and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that this company is through the National League of Cities and there is no cost to the City to create a video to be posted on our website. He noted that they seek sponsorship from businesses to pay for the video.

Mrs. McElfresh asked if they could actually use footage from Monroe. Mr. Brock advised that staff had that issue as well using businesses outside of Monroe. Mrs. McElfresh asked that before anything is approved it go before the Technology Committee.

Referring to sponsorship, Mr. Frentzel asked if it would cost the City money if they could not find sufficient sponsorship. Mr. Brock replied that it would still be no cost to the City.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 41-2018 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. 41-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 41-2018; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 42-2018. A Resolution approving a Then-and-Now Certificate in the amount of $24,264.42 to Capital Electric and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock informed Council that this unforeseen cost was due to a traffic accident that damaged one of the traffic control boxes. He added that this is a separate accident than what was recently approved by Council.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 42-2018 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. 42-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 42-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2018-13. An Ordinance authorizing the trade in of certain personal property no longer needed for municipal purposes and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained that this authorizes a trade in of a couple of the marked cruisers to Enterprise Fleet.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2018-13 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2018-13 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2018-13; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Chief Buchanan reported that this afternoon a press conference was held in Dayton that brought seven indictments against six individuals. It was a multi-jurisdictional drug trafficking investigation that involved Monroe. 140 pounds of methamphetamine and seven kilos of fentanyl, two kilos of heroin and over 130,000 in cash. It was moving from the southern border of Mexico and into West Chester.

Mr. Hickman asked if it was part of the MS13 gang. Chief Buchanan replied that the United States Attorney General would have to answer any questions.

Mr. Clark requested that Mr. Brock look into the newspaper concern brought up by Mrs. Hendrickson.

Adjournment

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council