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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

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

Staff Members present:	City Manager William J. Brock
	Law Director K. Philip Callahan
	Fire Chief John P. Centers
	Director of Development Kevin Chesar
	Director of Finance Karen Ervin
	Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Approval of the Minutes

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

Visitors

Mr. Frentzel, Mr. Funk, and Mrs. Hale presented Michael Uhl, President of Atrium Medical Center, with a plaque and trophy for the contribution to the Bicentennial Celebration.

Kim Mullally of MidPointe Library introduced the finalists and semi finalists in the 2018 Monroe Invention Convention with four of the children moving on to compete in the Ohio State Fair.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 43-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Paramedicine Grant and Pilot Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Atrium Medical Center Foundation and declaring an emergency.

Chief Centers stated that the Community Paramedic program has been up and running for approximately one year now and been successful so far. Approximately six or seven months ago I spoke with Atrium about those patients that are being discharged and back into the City of Monroe. During these conversations I found out that, particularly with the elderly, at the time of discharge there was so much information that they were receiving and difficulty understanding about their restrictions, follow up appointments, or change in medicine. Our Community Paramedic is able to follow up with these patients to go over their discharge instructions to make sure that they understand and it has avoided unnecessary trips back to the hospital because they didn't understand. The Community Paramedic is able to Skype with the physician directly from the patient's home. We received $37,500 in grant money for additional equipment with this equipment. Miami University is providing us with an intern to put the data together during this two-year pilot program.

Mr. Clark asked if there is an increase in manpower with this program and Chief Centers clarified that we have one designated Community Paramedic. Chief Centers felt confident as the program proceeds we will be receiving more funding; however, data is required to be collected first.

Mr. Clark asked if there were any issues with bad patient outcomes or increased liability and Chief Centers replied that they have not; however, they have had to assist with making difficult recommendations on where the patients should be placed if they are not able to be home alone.

Chief Centers, at the request of Mr. Clark, explained that the legislation is an emergency due to the fact we had planned to announce this later in the summer; however, the agreements came together faster than anticipated. Mr. Brock added that we want to be able put the equipment in place as soon as possible.

Mr. Hickman asked how many visits Aaron Vance, the Community Paramedic, has per week and how many times would he see one patient. Chief Centers replied that he has approximately 25 to 30 scheduled visits and it is a short term program and not intended to be long term care. Chief Centers stated that it depends on the type of care needed as to how often a patient is seen.

Mr. Hickman referenced the Community Paramedic making a visit in the event home health care could not get there in 48 hours and he has not heard of a situation like that. Chief Centers explained that there are times the hospital will call and say there may be a delay due to insurance or the patient may not want home health care. The Fire Department will visit the patient and make sure they understand the home health care program and make sure they are directed to the right services. A lot of times they trust the fire department more than someone from the hospital.

Chief Centers clarified that Mr. Vance would be doing follow up care making sure they understand their discharge instructions and would not be doing wound care. They will only do things regulated by the State of Ohio for a paramedic. Mr. Hickman asked what else could come up. Chief Centers replied that there are programs and services that are provided by the County that the Fire Department could make patients aware of that they did not know existed.

Mr. Hickman asked if there was any data for this program and how many readmissions were prevented through this program. Chief Centers estimated that 15 to 20 were prevented and the readmissions are in the single digits.

Mr. Hickman is concerned that it is costing us money for the salary of the Community Paramedic and we are assisting Atrium as it affects their Medicare payments. Chief Centers advised that they are providing the residents a service and felt that the data is the most critical item for the Department at this time. Miami University is putting together the data for us. We believe that there is a revenue stream in the future; however, we just need to have sufficient data to show the benefits of the program.

Mr. Frentzel's understanding that this agreement is not for the paramedicine program it is for additional equipment that will help us produce the information necessary to give to a provider to sustain the program. Mr. Hickman pointed out that this is a pilot program and that the resolution only refers to the Atrium Medical Center Foundation and does not mention Atrium Medical Center. He believes it is a great program to help people, but this should have been discussed before today and should not have been an emergency resolution. It happens a lot where Council receives something and we don't have any information on it and are expected to vote on it.

Mr. Funk asked how confident Chief Centers is that the number of calls will not exceed our capacity and, if they do, what is our obligation to bring on more staff. Chief Centers is 100% confident because we are not going to let that happen. We will not get or receive more patients than we can receive. We take the most critical patients first and we also look at the care needed. We do not want to be home health nurses and if they need home health care we will make sure that they are placed back in their system.

Mr. Hickman asked about citizens that are discharged from other hospitals than Atrium. Chief Centers replied that they will take any patients not just from Atrium. Mr. Brock added that the actual pilot program started with Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 43-2018 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. 43-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 43-2018; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Callahan advised that he will review the agreement to make sure it matches with what Council has approved.

Resolution No. 44-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the City of Middletown to provide a job shuttle service.

Mr. Brock reported that this will allow for the job shuttle service and will provide a route in between readings. The cost of this is $260,000 with 80% of it paid through grants through Middletown and the private sector. This is a three year term with our cost being approximately $30,000 each year and looking to start the program in September. Both stops will be at Park North.

Mr. Frentzel understood that the cost would be split equally, but under this Middletown would only be paying $25,000. Mr. Brock replied that Middletown felt they are contributing a large portion of this with grant funding.

Mr. Clark didn't understand why they want to travel on Cincinnati-Dayton Road to State Route 63 as opposed to using I-75. Mr. Brock advised that Middletown would like to service companies like PAC National. Mr. Clark realized that they are small buses now, but they could be larger buses in the future.

Mr. Funk pointed out that they could run buses on our street with or without this agreement.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 44-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 44-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 44-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Roll call vote: six ayes; one nay (Clark). Motion carried.

Resolution No. 45-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for professional architectural services for Monroe Bicentennial Commons.

Mr. Brock stated this is the first of three agreements with Brandstetter Carroll to define what the next steps are for three parks. This will create schematic designs on what the buildings will look like and where the utilities will be located. We picked out a couple of different projects such as, the entry way, playground, restrooms, and how the bike park interacts with that. The initial fee is $100,000. Broken down it is $27,000 for the schematics, $66,000 phase one construction documents and topographic survey of $7,000. These funds were budgeted for.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 45-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 45-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 45-2018; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 46-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for professional architectural services for Baker Sports Complex.

Mr. Brock explained that we want to make sure that each of these parks remain active and with this park it would bring in the dog park, parking lot at $13,000.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 46-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 46-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 46-2018; seconded by Mr. Hickman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 47-2018. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for professional architectural services for Monroe Community Park.

Mr. Brock stated that this would provide for expansion of the parking lot and the overall design $79,180. Break down is $2,700 for topographic survey $23,000 design and $34,216 for bidding assistance and construction administration.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 47-2018 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 47-2018 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 47-2018; seconded by Mr. Funk. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-14. An Ordinance releasing, vacating, quitclaiming, and fully discharging all right, title and interest the City of Monroe holds in and to certain utility easements fully described herein.

Mr. Brock advised that through the process of the sale of Johnston Supply building the easements that run along the property line and they would like us to vacate the easements as we have nothing in them.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-14 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2018-14 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-14; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2018-15. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an incentive agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Board of Education of the Monroe Local School District related to the construction of an 827,000 square foot building by ProLogis Logistics Services Incorporated.

Mr. Brock as a part of the CRA agreement this defines the terms that will waive the income tax during the term of the CRA and include a claw-back provision.

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-15 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2018-15 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-15; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock informed Council that the Baker Sports Complex will not be developed as a "Sports Complex" and will be taking suggestions for changing the name of this park in the future.

Mrs. McElfresh asked what would be on the majority of the space and Mr. Brock stated it would be a dog park, natural trails, and some thought of a community garden.

Mr. Frentzel requested a breakdown of costs per area of Baker and Community Parks as was provided for Monroe Bicentennial Commons.

Mr. Frentzel stated that beginning in August Kettering will opening a facility next to Atrium and how do you determine where to transfer the patience. Chief Centers stated that would depend on where the patient requests to be transferred. If they do not specify they would transfer them to Atrium or Christ in West Chester if they have a need to be admitted.

Mr. Hickman inquired about going into Executive Session with Council members only about employment without it being on the agenda. Mr. Callahan advised that for personnel you need to make the motion to say it is for the discipline of a public employee or public official, for example. However, he did not know what it was Mr. Hickman wanted to discuss.

Mr. Hickman indicated that he will request that this be on the next agenda.

Adjournment

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, CMC
Clerk of Council