



**Monroe Council Agenda
Regular Meeting of Council
October 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes

Council Minutes of September 24, 2024

Visitors

Committee Reports

Public Works Committee

Finance Committee

Administrative Liaison Committee

Technology Committee

Public Involvement Committee

Public Safety Committee

Old Business

New Business

Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-26. An Ordinance extending a moratorium up to and included January 1, 2025, on the granting of any new permits allowing retail dispensaries for medical marijuana and new adult use cannabis operators within the City of Monroe, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Administrative Reports

Adjournment



**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
September 24, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Funk opened the regular meeting of Council at 6:31 p.m. with the Monroe Fire Department Honor Guard leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council members present: John Centers, Kelly Clark, Keith Funk, Michael Graves, Tom Hagedorn, Christina McElfresh, and Ben Wagner.

Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. McElfresh moved to approve the Council Minutes of September 10, 2024; seconded by Mr. Hagedorn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Law Director Callahan performed a ceremonial swearing in of:

- Patrick Murray, Zach Cain, Owen Shaw, Eric Cifuentes, Christopher Rice, and Brandon Durrough as Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT
- Joe Carey as Fire Lieutenant
- Zach Bernard as Battalion Chief
- Steve Sarver as Assistant Fire Chief

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

None.



New Business

Resolution No. 49-2024. A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

The Clerk of Council read the title of Resolution No. 49-2024.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2024; seconded by Mr. Centers. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 50-2024. A Resolution authorizing the submission of the application and participation thereof by the City of Monroe, Ohio, in the Ohio Public Works Commission Program for FY 26 PY 39 (2025).

The Clerk of Council read the title of Resolution No. 50-2024.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2024; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 51-2024. A Resolution authorizing the submission of the application and participation thereof by the City of Monroe, Ohio in the Ohio Public Works Commission Program for FY 26 (PY39/2025).

The Clerk of Council read the title of Resolution No. 51-2024.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2024; seconded by Mr. Hagedorn. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 52-2024. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 3 by and between the City of Monroe and the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County for the Monroe Wholesale Water Supply Contract.

The Clerk of Council read the title of Resolution No. 52-2024.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 52-2024; seconded by Mr. Graves. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2024-23. An Ordinance amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 2024-17, otherwise known as the permanent appropriations ordinance, to meet current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Monroe, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

The Clerk of Council read the title of Ordinance No. 2024-23.



Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-23; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-24. An Ordinance determining to adjust special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-24 on two separate days and authorize its adoption on the first reading; seconded by Mr. Hagedorn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read the title of Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-24.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-24; seconded by Mr. Centers. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-25. An Ordinance determining to adjust special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-25 on two separate days and authorize its adoption on the first reading; seconded by Mr. Hagedorn. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read the title of Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-25.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-25; seconded by Mr. Graves. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$20,460.00 to Service Supply Ltd., Inc. for the purchase of 15 picnic tables.

Mr. Hagedorn asked if we have looked at repurposing the picnic tables at Monroe Bicentennial Commons as opposed to purchasing new ones. Mr. Perkins replied that the tables at the Commons are large and the tables they are looking to purchase are smaller and can be bolted to the slabs at Monroe Community Park. They will use the tables at the Commons under the shelters at that park.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to authorize the expenditure of \$20,460.00 to Service Supply Ltd., Inc. for the purchase of 15 picnic tables; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Hagedorn thanked everyone that came out and helped with the Great Miami Cleanup over the weekend. He noted there were approximately 40 to 50 volunteers this year.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adjourn into executive session to consider the compensation of public employees, the employment of a public employee, and to consider confidential information related



to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance; seconded by Mr. Graves. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:09 p.m.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to reconvene into regular session; seconded by Mr. Hagedorn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council reconvened into regular session at 9:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hagedorn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM UP TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1, 2025, ON THE GRANTING OF ANY NEW PERMITS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND NEW ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN THE CITY OF MONROE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council implemented a moratorium for a period of 180 days on the granting of any new permits allowing retail dispensaries for medical marijuana on April 11, 2023, through the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2023-08; and

WHEREAS, Council extended the moratorium established through the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2023-08 for 180 days through the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2023-28 and for an additional 170 days through the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-10; and

WHEREAS, Council imposed a moratorium of nine months on adult use cannabis operators within the City of Monroe, Ohio with the exception of the existing licensed medical marijuana businesses through the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2024-02; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary to provide for additional time to coordinate regulations regarding the location and operation of retail dispensaries for medical marijuana and adult use cannabis operators within the City; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3796.29 allows municipalities to prohibit and/or limit the location of retail dispensaries for medical marijuana in the corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 2 enacts Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780 which legalizes the growing, processing, and selling of cannabis (marijuana) in the State of Ohio and became effective on December 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Ordinance, “adult use cannabis operator” has the same meaning as in Issue 2 and Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780 authorizes municipalities to entirely prohibit or limit the number of adult use cannabis operators in their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Article 18 of the Ohio State Constitution grants authority to municipalities to exercise all powers of local self-government, including the ability to limit land use; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to extend the moratoriums established to research the City’s goal of providing adequate regulations and the benefits and negative consequences related to dispensaries for medical marijuana and adult use cannabis operators within the City of Monroe to determine whether such activities should be allowed, limited, or entirely prohibited; and

WHEREAS, City staff requires time to make informed recommendations to City Council regarding potential changes to the City's Codified Ordinances based on City Council's determination whether to allow, limit, or prohibit adult use cannabis operators within City limits;

WHEREAS, it is understood that the passage of this Ordinance does not prohibit individuals from using or possessing cannabis within the City limits as long as such is done in conformance with the laws established in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: City Council imposes a moratorium up to and including January 1, 2025, on the granting of any new permits allowing retail dispensaries for medical marijuana and new adult cannabis operators within the City of Monroe, Ohio. Thus, the issuance and processing of any permits or authorizations related to retail dispensaries for medical marijuana or adult use cannabis operators in the City of Monroe is prohibit during this moratorium period. This moratorium does not prohibit the sales in existing approved medical marijuana businesses including their approved adult use cannabis sales.

SECTION 2: This measure is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and further for the reason that Council deems it in the best interest of Monroe to institute the moratorium at the earliest possible date. Therefore, this measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor