

**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council
September 10, 2019 – 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

Council members 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
Chief of Police Robert Buchanan
Director of Finance Karen Ervin
Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Angela S. Wasson

Approval of the Minutes – Council Minutes of August 27, 2019.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the Council minutes of August 27, 2019; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Daniel Tryon, Executive Director and Administrator of Kettering Health Network Middletown, stated that Kettering Health Network is a non-profit, faith-based, health care organization. We have 8 hospitals in the greater Dayton area region. The two closest hospitals are Fort Hamilton Hospital, that is about 20 minutes from Monroe, and the new Kettering Hospital in Middletown, that is about 10 minutes from Monroe. We are a big believer in local care and came to Middletown because there were a number of patients that were leaving Middletown and coming to some of our other facilities in the south Dayton area. We had a choice of either building one of those facilities bigger or building a facility closer to patients homes. Our patients are looking for something that is close and it gives us a chance to become more engrained in the community. It is the concept of friends and neighbors taking care of friends and neighbors. With our Middletown facility we have had a larger volume of patients than what we expected. There are a number of patients from the Monroe, Middletown, and Lebanon communities. In that facility we have an emergency department that is staffed 24/7 and we only hire experienced nurses that are from our trauma centers in the Dayton region for that department. We are classified as a free-standing emergency department so for most fire/EMS protocols we would probably not be in line to receive cardiac alerts and trauma cases, but we are stroke certified and whenever a patient is outside of the niche of cardiac trauma, we are ready to take the best care of them possible.

We have a full compliment of imaging and will open mammography in approximately a month. There are 8 observation beds that allow patients that may not need the full admittance to a hospital, but not ready to go home and can be kept for up to 48 hours. We are seeing a trend in health care. There are less and less patients staying in an inpatient status and more staying in an observation status. We have a fairly large physician practice. There are 5 family medicine providers and large compliment of specialists. The goal is to be more prevention focused. We believe in partnering with communities and local fire and EMS departments. We do participate in the drug bag program and provide medical directors for free. Our goal is to make our communities better.

Mr. Hickman asked if they are able to take a psych patient for evaluation and observation. Mr. Tryon replied that they can stabilize and transport, if necessary, to another hospital. Transportation to another hospital is based on the patient's preference of where they want to go.

Mr. Hickman advised the goal is to make sure the residents of Monroe can go to their preferred hospital and stay within that system.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2019-19. An Ordinance authorizing the trade in of a 2010 International 4300 no longer needed for municipal purposes. (Second Reading – Tabled August 27, 2019)

Mr. Brock advised that Public Works is meeting with Western Star this week and asked that this remain on the table.

Resolution No. 42-2019. 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. (Second Reading)

Mr. Clark moved to consider this the second reading and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 42-2019 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 42-2019; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 43-2019. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital

Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s), and to execute contracts as required, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that this is required from the Ohio Public Works Commission to request \$483,391 in funding.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 43-2019 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. 43-2019 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 43-2019; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 44-2019. A Resolution approving a Then-and-Now Certificate in the amount of \$24,745.60 to Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock stated that Council approved the funding; however, a purchase order was not opened in a timely manner.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule required the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 44-2019 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 44-2019 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 44-2019; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-20. An Ordinance determining to adjust special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained that both Ordinance No. 2019-20 and Ordinance No. 2019-21 relate to special assessments placed on properties in relation to bonds taken out through the Warren County Port Authority. Ordinance No. 2019-20 has been reoccurring for several years for the Park North Project. Ordinance No. 2019-21 is for the CCC project on the north side of State Route 63.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-20 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 Ordinance No. 2019-20 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-20; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-21. An Ordinance determining to adjust special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-21 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Funk. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-21 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-21; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-22. An Ordinance accepting real property from The Reserve at Monroe Crossings, L.P. by Oberer RMC, Ltd., it's general partner, to be used as a permanent sanitary sewer and electric utility easement for the park shelter at Monroe Crossings Park and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported that this easement is necessary to connect both sanitary sewer and electric to the Monroe Crossings Park Shelter Project.

Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-22 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 Ordinance No. 2019-22 by title only.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2019-22; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion to accept the June 2019 Finance Reports as submitted.

Mr. Clark moved to accept the June 2019 Finance Reports as submitted; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Executive Session

Mr. Clark moved to adjourn into executive session to consider confidential information relating to marketing plans, specific business strategy, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development and review negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; seconded by Mrs. Hale. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:19 p.m.

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

Council reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

Mr. Hickman announced that a Public Safety Committee of Council meeting will be held on September 24th. He asked if Council would like the residents to have a choice in what hospital they would like to be transported to. It was the consensus of Council that residents should have a choice with the exception of those traumatic circumstances where they need to be transported to the closest hospital that has the best care in those circumstances.

Adjournment

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council