



Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Council members present: Marc Bellapianta, Tom Callahan, Kelly Clark, Jason Frentzel, Christina McElfresh, and Ben Wagner.

Mr. Wagner moved to excuse Keith Funk; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the Council Minutes of August 23, 2022; Finance Committee Minutes of August 23, 2022; Public Works Committee Minutes of August 25, 2022; and Public Involvement Committee Minutes of September 1, 2022; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

None.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 35-2022. 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 the existing 6 inch water main along Mason Road to a 12 inch water main and declaring an emergency.



Mr. Morton reported this project will be designed this year and ready to bid in January for a 12 inch water main to Pierson Sayer Boulevard. He further reported this main helps with water flow issues on the east side of the Interstate.

Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 35-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 35-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 35-2022; seconded by Mr. Frentzel.

Discussion. Referencing Emergency Resolution No. 35-2022 and 36-22, Mr. Frentzel stated it seems they are tied together.

Mr. Morton explained the existing 6 inch water main needs replaced under Mason Road as we have a lot of water main breaks and it does not provide sufficient water. Mr. Morton confirmed Mr. Frentzel's understanding that it is not a temporary main as this is needed regardless of the evaluation of the water distribution system.

Mr. Callahan stated he was in the Public Works Committee meeting and was advised they wanted to come down Carson through Bridle Creek all the way under the Interstate at an estimated cost of \$3 million. Mr. Callahan asked, during the Committee meeting, if water could be purchased from Warren County. Mr. Brock had advised there is a 16 inch water main in Warren County that is close. Mr. Callahan was of the opinion the City could purchase water from Warren County. He preferred to table this and find out the cost from Warren County to purchase water.

Mr. Morton advised these are two separate projects. He further advised that the next piece of legislation is, in part, the result of the existing contract with Butler County up for renewal in 2024. Mr. Morton provided an explanation of the different size lines and the importance for loops and sufficient water supply to businesses east of Interstate of 75.

Mr. Morton confirmed Mr. Frentzel's understanding that due to the problems on Mason Road it is more sufficient to replace the existing 6 inch line with a 12 inch line due to the development in that area.

Mr. Bellapianta asked if the next Resolution should be decided on prior to deciding on this Resolution or if they are two different projects.

Mrs. Waggaman advised the replacement of the 6 inch main with a 12 inch main is needed regardless if the study is performed. Mr. Morton noted this main is west of Interstate 75.

Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.



Emergency Resolution No. 36-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Fishbeck for professional engineering services to evaluate options for the water distribution system east of Interstate 75 and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Wagner informed Council this is a study because we are growing rapidly and Fishbeck already has the water model and it would cost significantly more to have a new model built.

Mr. Frentzel asked if the study will look at the farm in Warren County in the event it is developed over the next 5 to 10 years. Mr. Morton replied that Fishbeck will obtain information from Warren County and the model will give us that information.

Mr. Callahan asked if Butler County decides not to provide us water will we be able to utilize Warren County. Mr. Morton advised we can get water from Warren County.

In response to Mr. Callahan's question, Mr. Morton advised the City's water plant was disassembled approximately 12 years ago.

Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 36-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 36-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 36-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 37-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Monroe and the Board of Education of the Butler Technology and Career Development Schools for School Resource Officer services and declaring an emergency.

Chief Buchanan reported this is for a fulltime School Resource Officer for Butler Tech beginning tentatively on October 24, 2022.

Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 37-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 37-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 37-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.



Emergency Resolution No. 38-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Monroe and the Board of Education of the Monroe Local District for School Resource Officer services and declaring an emergency.

Chief Buchanan noted this is for the two School Resource Officers at the Monroe Local School District.

Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 38-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 38-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 38-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 39-2022. A Resolution accepting the amounts as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mr. Burton reported that following the filing of the annual Tax Budget with the County Budget Commission, the City is provided amounts and rates and City Council is required to accept these. He noted this is due back to the County by October 1st and will be requesting adoption as an emergency on the second reading.

Mr. Wagner moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 39-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 39-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 39-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 40-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe to use the standard allowance for the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mr. Burton stated to date the City has received \$1,473,947.00; none of which has been appropriated or spent. The U.S. Treasurer issued a final rule how entities can spend these dollars. It allows governments to use a standard allowance of revenue replacement. You can use this up to \$10 million. It allows us to spend this money on any government service and it will simplify the reporting requirements. Mr. Burton noted that the expenditures from this fund still need to come before Council.

Mr. Wagner moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 40-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.



The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 40-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 40-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 41-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Equipment Lease Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Moeller Brew Barn, LLC for equipment previously located at the Monroe Bicentennial Commons Park.

Mrs. Waggaman reported as a follow up to Mrs. Patterson's presentation, this allows Moeller Brew Barn to lease some equipment that was part of the former Americana Park.

Mr. Wagner moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 41-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 41-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 41-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-26. An Ordinance amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 2022-22, otherwise known as the permanent appropriations ordinance, to meet current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Monroe, during fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

Mr. Burton reported the changes to the appropriations reflects the increase in cost for a generator for the fire department, the battalion chief's vehicle, and incentive to Moeller Brew Barn.

Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 2022-26 on two separate days, authorizing its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2022-26 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-26; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-27. An Ordinance determining to adjust special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Waggaman stated that this legislation and the next are for two different developments and we are adjusting the assessments. Every year a third-party reviews the debt payment and the assessments and it is amended annually so the County collects the appropriate amount.



Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-27 on two separate days, authorizing 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. 2022-27 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-27; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-28. An Ordinance determining to adjust special assessments levied for the purpose of constructing certain improvements and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-28 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-28 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-28; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$119,821.00 to Buckeye Power Sales for generators at Fire Station 61 and 62.

Chief Centers reported this is to replace the emergency generator that is currently over 20 years old at Station 62. Chief Centers clarified that it is just for one generator at Station 62.

Mr. Wagner moved to authorize the expenditure of \$119,821.00 to Buckeye Power Sales for a generator at Fire Station 62; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion authorizing the additional expenditure of \$10,300.00 for the previously approved Snow Plow Truck ordered in June of 2021.

Mr. Morton informed Council this truck was ordered in June of 2021 and the State of Ohio, through the Department of Procurement, has allowed these companies to charge additional prices for continued inflation. This is for the cab and chassis with the original price of \$93,621.00.

Mr. Callahan was opposed to paying an additional amount.

Mr. Wagner moved to authorize the additional expenditure of \$10,300.00 for the previously approved Snow Plow Truck ordered in June of 2021; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion scheduling a special meeting of Council for the purposes of a Budget Retreat on October 29, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.



Mr. Wagner moved to schedule a special meeting of Council for the purposes of a Budget Retreat on October 29, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the Finance Reports of May and June 2022 as submitted.

Mr. Wagner moved to accept the Finance Reports of May and June 2022 as submitted; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion requesting a hearing on the issuance of a D2 Liquor Permit to American Way BBQ Inc. located at 11 American Way.

No action taken.

- **Executive Session.** To review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Mr. Wagner moved to adjourn into executive session to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Mr. Wagner moved to reconvene into regular session; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. Wagner moved to amend the agenda to consider Emergency Resolution No. 42-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 42-2022. A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 3824, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Wagner moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 42-2022 on two separate days authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 42-2022 by title only.

Mr. Wagner moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 42-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.



Administrative Reports

- Chief John Centers – Battalion Chief’s Vehicle Options

Chief Centers requested approval from Council to waive the bid process for the purchase of a truck for the battalion chiefs. He has been unable locate a vehicle to lease and permit the modification of it. Waiving the bid process will permit the department to purchase a vehicle as they have exhausted all of their options and cannot locate a vehicle for lease.

Mr. Wagner moved to waive the bid requirements and authorize the purchase of a truck not to exceed \$65,000; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Waggaman reported that recently employees had active shooter training that prompted everyone to look at the security of the City Building. She sought Council’s feedback on installing a key fob on the lower level lobby, Council Chamber’s door, and the lower level employee entrance. She explained the kiosk could be relocated outside and they will be reviewing that.

There was no opposition from Council on the securing of the City Building.

Mr. Bellapianta referred to an email Council received from a property owner in Brittany Heights related to the concrete assessment project and asked if anyone was taking care of it. Mr. Morton believes it is resolved and is being handled by our Civil Engineer.

Adjournment

Mr. Wagner moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council