



**Monroe Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Funk opened the regular meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m. The Monroe Fire Department Honor Guard led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council members present: Marc Bellapianta, Tom Callahan, Kelly Clark, Keith Funk, and Christina McElfresh.

Mr. Bellapianta moved to excuse Mr. Frentzel and Mr. Wagner; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Bellapianta moved to approve the Council Minutes of February 22, 2022; Finance Committee Minutes of February 22, 2022; Technology Committee Minutes of February 28, 2022; and Public Safety Committee Minutes of March 1, 2022; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

Law Director Callahan administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Grubbs as Assistant Fire Chief.

Committee Reports

Mrs. McElfresh, on behalf of the Planning Commission, sought Council's opinion on the application that has been submitted for the landominiums called Hyde Park Development. The developer met with Planning Commission and then a follow up meeting with staff. Mrs. McElfresh presented Council with a handout that listed 17 issues, 9 of which were noncompliant.

Dr. Clark was concerned about this development and future developments not meeting the standards so we can have responsible growth. She did not feel we should bend on this many standards.

Mayor Funk agreed with Dr. Clark and noted there was a lot of negative feedback about the development from the residents in that area.



Mr. Bellapianta was of the opinion there are more negatives than there are positives for this development. He agreed with Dr. Clark about future developments.

Mr. Callahan agreed with Dr. Clark as well and expects the developer to meet the standards.

Dr. Clark reported that the Public Involvement Committee met and discussed the bicentennial seal monument. The Public Involvement Committee requested that the funds for the remaining payment of the monument, concrete, and landscaping be paid for out of the Capital Improvement Fund rather than the line item for the Public Involvement Committee to complete the project.

Mayor Funk and Mr. Bellapianta was not opposed, but would like to see the expenditures for events. Mr. Brock advised that most of what events the Public Involvement Committee plans comes to Council for a motion to approve.

Dr. Clark moved to authorize \$32,000 allocated for the bicentennial monument be expended from the Capital Improvement Fund; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Funk noted that the Police Department is going through their reaccreditation process and he will have more to report on that at a later date.

Mrs. McElfresh reported that the Technology Committee met and the new computer has arrived for the Council Chambers and a technician will be here Friday to have everything in working order.

Old Business

Resolution No. 08-2022. A Resolution approving the Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District filed by Donald W. Garver for real property located at 4350 Salzman Road. (Second Reading)

Mrs. McElfresh moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 08-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 08-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 09-2022. A Resolution approving the Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District filed by Ruth Ann Young and Barbara Ann Hoffman located at 6099 Niederlander Lane. (Second Reading)

Mrs. McElfresh moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 09-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.



The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 09-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 10-2022. A Resolution accepting the lowest and/or best bid submitted for the East Avenue Water Main Replacement Project and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Larry Smith Inc. (Second Reading)

Mr. Brock requested that Resolution No. 10-2022 be adopted as an emergency on the second reading.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Resolution No. 10-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the second reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 10-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 11-2022. A Resolution accepting the lowest and/or best bid submitted for the State Route 63 and Interstate 75 Interchange Mowing and Landscaping Contract and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Olympic Lawns. (Second Reading)

Mr. Brock requested that Resolution No. 11-2022 be adopted as an emergency on the second reading.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Resolution No. 11-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the second reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 11-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-03. An Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 1022 of the Codified Ordinances to require a deposit, establish a fine, amend the penalty, and change the issuer/approver of permits for sidewalk, curb and gutter, and drive apron work. (Second Reading)

Mrs. McElfresh moved to consider this the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-03 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Voice vote. Motion carried.



The Clerk of Council read Ordinance No. 2022-03 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-03; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution No. 12-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amended Medical Director Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Jill C. Aston to increase the annual payment for services provided to the Department of Fire as Medical Director.

Fire Chief Centers reported that this will increase the annual salary for the Medical Director who spends a great deal of time assisting the Fire Department.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to consider this the first reading of Resolution No. 12-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 12-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 12-2022; seconded by Dr. Clark. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Motion accepting the November 2021 Finance Reports as submitted.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to accept the November 2021 Finance Reports as submitted; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Brock announced that he received a draft of the retreat report and will be providing the final report to Council later this week. Mr. Brock confirmed Mrs. McElfresh's understanding that this report will be provided to all of the board and commission members.

- Executive Session

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending court action, sale of real property, and 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; seconded by Mr. Callahan. Roll call vote: five ayes. Motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:15 p.m.



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

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:16 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council