



**Monroe Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
August 23, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.  
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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***Pledge of Allegiance***

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

***Roll Call***

Council members present: Marc Bellapianta, Tom Callahan, Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, Christina McElfresh, and Ben Wagner

Mr. Bellapianta moved to excuse Dr. Clark; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

***Approval of the Minutes***

Mrs. McElfresh moved to approve the Council Minutes of August 9, 2022; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Voice vote. Motion carried.

***Visitors***

- Law Director Callahan administered the Oath of Office to Ethan Motley, Chase Collins, and Matthew Schueler as Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT
- Law Director Callahan administered the Oath of Office to Josh Crone as Fire Lieutenant

***Committee Reports***

Mr. Frentzel reminded everyone about the Budget Retreat scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. He noted that there is a parade at 9 a.m. so no one should be parking on the street.

***Old Business***

**Resolution No. 32-2022.** A Resolution approving participation in Region 14 Governance Structure under The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding. (Second Reading)

Mr. Brock reported this is one of three pieces of legislation related to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation related to the opioid settlement.



Mrs. McElfresh moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 32-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 32-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 32-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

### *New Business*

**Emergency Resolution No. 33-2022.** A Resolution accepting the lowest and/or best bid submitted for the Brittany Heights Concrete Assessment Rehabilitation Project, approve a ten percent contingency fee, authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract by and between the City of Monroe and Jackson Construction Inc. for said project, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock advised this awards the contract for the Brittany Heights Concrete Assessment Program. He further advised \$300,000 was budgeted for this project due to providing the property owners the option to have the work completed themselves as opposed to the City's contractor completing the work. As a result the cost is reduced. The bid is for \$64,663 and staff is requesting the addition of a contingency amount of 10%, which still puts this below the engineer's estimate.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 33-2022 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. 33-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 33-2022; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Resolution No. 34-2022.** A Resolution appointing an Initial Region 14 Representative and Alternate Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock explained this approves the Region 14 representatives to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 34-2022 on two separate days, authorize 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 Resolution No. 34-2022 by title only.



Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 34-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-24.** An Ordinance establishing the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock noted this creates the fund for funds received from the opioid settlement.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-24 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-24 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-24; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

**Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-25.** An Ordinance amending and supplementing the Traffic Code and General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances to bring City law into conformity with State law and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Brock reported this updates the Traffic Code and General Offenses Code as our Code mirrors State law. Law Director Callahan explained that if charges are brought forth under the local code more of the fine money stays with the City.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-25 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. 2022-25 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2022-25; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Roll call vote: six ayes. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Motion.** Authorize the City Manager to execute an application for an amendment to the Shops of Monroe Crossings Planned Unit Development.

Mr. Brock advised the City is a property owner within the overall Planned Unit Development and our Code requires all property owners sign so they are aware that an application for amendment has been submitted.

Mrs. McElfresh stated this project came before Planning Commission previously and the developer has resubmitted the project without the issues that previously existed.



Mrs. McElfresh moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an application for an amendment to the Shops of Monroe Crossings Planned Unit Development; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

### ***Administrative Reports***

Chief Centers thanked City Council for the assistance through the battalion chief process.

Chief Centers explained that due to the shortage of chips and vehicles, he is unable to utilize Enterprise to secure a vehicle for the Battalion Chiefs. It could be 18 months or 1 year to obtain a vehicle. He is looking for a medium-duty, quad cab, pick up truck. It needs to be a larger vehicle to carry all of the necessary equipment. Chief Centers is looking for permission to attempt to locate a vehicle with a lease other than Enterprise. It is the same type of lease typically utilized with Enterprise. Chief Centers advised that it will be a new vehicle so that we have a full warranty.

There were no objections from Council moving forward as recommended by Chief Centers.

Chief Buchanan reported the Monroe Local School District is interested in obtaining a therapy dog. The idea is joining one of these service dogs with one of the School Resource Officers. The school is looking at grant for training and this would be a rescue dog. They are currently evaluating the temperament of one. He noted this dog would be owned by the school and they will pay for the training.

Council expressed support to move forward with this.

Mrs. McElfresh asked about the status of the request for a guardrail on Cincinnati-Dayton Road.

Mr. Morton reported they have ordered new signs that flash when it gets dark and having the area restriping. Mr. Brock advised the traffic engineer for the City to take these steps prior to considering installing a guardrail.

Mrs. McElfresh asked about the letters that were to be sent to the businesses on Todhunter Road and Mr. Brock replied he just signed the letters today and they will be mailed tomorrow.

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

Mrs. McElfresh 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 7:19 p.m.



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

***Adjournment***

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

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC  
Clerk of Council