

City of Monroe  
Common Council Minutes  
January 5, 2016

- A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL  
Mayor Ross Called the meeting to order. Present at roll call were Mayor Ross, Alderpersons Miller, Bauman, Boyce, Newcomer, Koch, Beer, Armstrong, Stangel, and Thoman.
- B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES  
none
- C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
none
- D. BUSINESS BY MAYOR
1. POLICE DEPARTMENT EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARDS  
Mayor Ross and Police Chief Kelley presented awards to Police Officers Christian Hammel, Larry Keegan, and Jacob Towns.
- E. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC  
none
- F. CONSENT AGENDA
1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES
  2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$244,401.40)
  3. RESOLUTION GRANTING A TEMPORARY CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE TO MONROE THEATRE GUILD  
Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Armstrong to approve the consent agenda. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- G. PLAN COMMISSION
1. ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY #157  
Alderperson Koch submitted for the second time. A public hearing was held at which no one from the public spoke. Motion made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Beer to adopt the ordinance. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- H. FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH EASTLAND FEED AND GRAIN  
Motion made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Thoman to approve. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- I. SALARY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
1. RECEIPT OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Questions and discussion took place. It was discussed and generally agreed that DPW Simpson's pay could continue for the rest of this week, but he would not need to drive into work. Motion made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Newcomer to accept the resignation of DPW Colin Simpson. Motion carried.

Discussion continued. Motion made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Miller to continue the position of DPW. Motion carried. More discussion ensued. The Council generally agreed to advertise openly for internal and external applicants. The Council also generally agreed to have Admin. Rath appoint a staff member to fill the position in the interim or to make other arrangements.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES BUDGETED FOR 2016

Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Bauman to approve. Brief discussion ensued regarding where the vehicles will be housed. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

K. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS #17 AND #18 FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Motion made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Miller to approve. Admin. Rath made comments. Questions and discussion ensued regarding where the funds for change order 18 will come from. Alderperson Koch amended his motion to delete change order 18 for the additional cost of \$1,554, 025. Alderperson Armstrong seconded the amended motion. More discussion ensued. On roll call vote, the motion to amend carried unanimously. The original motion was then voted upon (with the deletion of change order 18). On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

L. AIRPORT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED 2016 AIRPORT OPERATIONS CONTRACT

Motion made by Alderperson Miller and seconded by Alderperson Armstrong to approve. Questions and discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

M. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. SPRING PRIMARY

Mayor Ross and City Clerk Stamm explained. There are 3 mayoral candidates for the Spring election. The City Council must decide whether or not to hold a primary in February for the Mayoral race. City Clerk Stamm explained that regardless of what is decided at the local level, a primary must be held in February for a judicial office. The added cost for the city to hold the primary for the Mayoral race is approximately \$500 to \$1,000. Questions and discussion took place. Motion made by Alderperson Armstrong and seconded by Alderperson Beer to have a Primary in February. On roll call vote, the motion failed with 5 no votes and 4 aye votes from Alderpersons Beer, Boyce, Armstrong, and Newcomer. Mayor Ross and City Atty. Ewald then clarified that there will be no Primary in February for the local Mayor's race.

2. RESTRUCTURING OR REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES INCLUDING ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

City Attorney explained and presented information. Questions and much discussion ensued.

3. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTIONS 2-1-1 AND 2-1-4 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: REDUCING SIZE OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Alder Boyce moved to adopt the ordinance. Alderperson Stangel seconded the motion. Alder Stangel then read aloud the ordinance. Questions and discussion ensued. On roll call vote, the motion carried with 7 aye votes and 2 no votes from Alderpersons Koch and Beer.

4. SURVEY RESULTS AND OPTIONS RELATED TO THE FUTURE CITY HALL REMODEL PROJECT

Admin. Rath spoke and explained. Questions and discussion took place regarding how to proceed with this. The Council generally agreed to put this on the next Council agenda to discuss the options.

N. BUSINESS BY ALDERPERSONS

Alderperson Boyce mentioned that he would like to explore expanding use of the video system.

O. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Comptroller Schuchart presented information regarding the new payroll system. City Clerk Stamm reminded everyone that the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be moved to Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> due to the primary election on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

P. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESS

none

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Koch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Carol J. Stamm, CMC/WCMC  
City Clerk/Director of General Government