

## MONROE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES - January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Members present:** Mike Doyle, Ryan Wilson, Ron Markham, Chris Barth, Barb Gelbach, Craig Patchin, Bob Duxstad, Chris Soukup, Jean Tullett.

**Members absent:** Sherrill Kelly, Luis Carus.

**Guests:** Rex Ewald, Jordan Nordby, Andy Hill, Tom Kelly, Tom Miller, Martin Shanks, Bridget Cooke (Monroe Times).

**CALL TO ORDER:** In the absence of the President, Vice President, Mike Doyle called the meeting to order at 5.30 p.m. A motion to approve the Minutes of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, was made by Bob Duxstad, seconded by Chris Barth and approved by unanimous vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** No Bills were presented. The balance stands at \$10,673.24. A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Ron Markham, seconded by Chris Barth and approved by unanimous vote.

**PARKING – NEW PROPOSAL:** Rex Ewald addressed the Board as a building owner in the Business Improvement District. He identified what he considers to be a deficit of parking on the east side of the Square and a surplus on the west side. He called attention to the property located across from the Post Office at 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 11<sup>th</sup> St. as a possible area that could be converted into additional parking. It is Rex's opinion that providing more parking elsewhere downtown would alleviate the need for rebuilding the existing ramp.

**PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MAIN STREET** - Andy Hill, President of the Main Street Board, reported Main Street recommends investigating a Public/Private Partnership to build retail development and a smaller parking ramp.

### **PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BID - TIMED PARKING**

Craig Patchin made a motion to recommend the City Council consider implementing timed parking for 2 – 3 hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the nine block area in the BID district. Motion seconded by Chris Soukup and approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion followed on the advantages and benefits of a ramp that provides covered parking.

Craig Patchin made a motion to recommend the City invest in smaller two level parking on existing City owned lots. The sites suggested were the lot located at 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 9<sup>th</sup> St. and the lot behind City Hall. Motion seconded by Chris Soukup and approved by unanimous vote.

Bob Duxstad made a motion that no action be taken on the existing ramp until a new ramp is built. Motion seconded by Ron Markham and carried by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Barth, seconded by Ron Markham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Tullett, Secretary/Treasurer