

City of Monroe  
Common Council Minutes  
February 22, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order. Present at roll call were Mayor Armstrong, and Alderpersons Miller, Bauman, Newcomer, Koch, Beer, Marsh, and Thoman. Alder Stangel was absent. Alder Boyce arrived later in the meeting.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

none

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

D. INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS (CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN)

Police Chief Kelley introduced new officers Taylor Engelhart, James Studzinski, and Bradley Taylor. City Clerk Stamm administered the oath of office.

E. RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE OF \$5,120,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017A

Greg Johnson from Ehlers explained and presented the results. The winning bid (low bidder) is PNC Capital Markets LLC at an interest rate of 2.7483%, which is lower than the estimate. Questions and discussion took place. Alder Boyce arrived at the meeting at this time. Motion to approve made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Marsh. More discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

F. BUSINESS BY MAYOR

1. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE, ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mayor Armstrong explained that this is an effort to try to more closely follow Roberts Rules of Order instead of running things loosely. He mentioned a proposal about registering the public to speak before the meeting. If anyone wants to do more lengthy speaking, items can be put on hold with a 2/3 vote.

A Committee of the Whole was also discussed which can be called during a regular meeting and which makes recommendations to Council.

City Attorney Bartholf then spoke. Once the chair states a motion, the motion belongs to the body and then it must be agreed upon by the body what to do with the motion such as to postpone, amend, refer to another committee, limit debate or lay on the table. To lay on the table is to put on the table indefinitely.

Alder Koch mentioned that before someone speaks, they should be recognized by the chair. Questions and discussion took place.

To call a committee of a whole during a meeting needs a majority vote. A person making a motion can't speak against it but they can vote against it.

Questions and discussion ensued.

City Attorney Bartholf mentioned that if members don't feel they have enough information to make a decision on a particular agenda item, they can postpone it to a certain date.

More discussion ensued. If a closed session is needed, a committee of the whole should be called.

G. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC

Laverne Isely mentioned televising Council meetings so all the voters can know what is going on.

Michael Mancini spoke about the possession of live chickens. He said he and his wife moved here because the city allows live chickens. He made comments about the neighborhood covenants in the area where his home is located that prohibit the keeping of chickens and that the covenants are 40 years old.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$5,407,105.87)

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Thoman. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

I. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON TREASURER'S REPORT (2<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF EACH MONTH)

none

J. JUDICIARY AND ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING ANIMALS IN PUBLIC PLACES IN 9-2-13 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE

Alderperson Beer presented for the second time. A public hearing was held at which no one from the public spoke. Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Koch to approve the ordinance. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING TAXICAB DEFINITION IN 3-8-2 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE

Alderperson Beer introduced for the second time. A public hearing was held at which no one from the public spoke. Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Miller to approve the ordinance. Questions and discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING VARIOUS PORTIONS OF TITLE 2, CHAPTERS 1 ,8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: COMPOSITION OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, FINANCE AND TAXATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND ORDINANCE, LICENSE, AND SALARY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES

Alderperson Beer submitted for the second time. A public hearing was held at which no one from the public spoke. Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Koch to approve. Much discussion ensued. Motion made by Alderperson Boyce to amend to remove the tie vote clause from this ordinance. Alderperson Thoman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion to amend carried with 5 aye votes (Boyce, Newcomer,

Beer, Marsh, Thoman) and 3 no votes (Miller, Bauman, Koch). On roll call vote, the motion to approve the ordinance with the amendment carried with 6 aye votes (Miller, Boyce, Newcomer, Koch, Beer, Thoman) and 2 no votes (Bauman, Marsh).

K. FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH RESOURCE X FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Boyce. Admin Rath explained and gave a brief overview of the presentation that was given to the Finance & Taxation Committee. Questions and discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried with 6 aye votes (Bauman, Boyce, Newcomer, Koch, Beer, Thoman) and 2 no votes (Miller, Marsh).

L. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Miller. On voice vote, the motion carried.

M. LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION DENYING PERMIT FOR POSSESSION OF LIVE CHICKENS AT 2724 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Thoman and seconded by Alderperson Boyce. Questions and discussion ensued. On roll call vote, the motion carried with 6 aye votes (Miller, Bauman, Boyce, Newcomer, Marsh, Thoman) and 2 no votes (Koch, Beer).

2. RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO LICENSED PREMISES FOR SUISSE HAUS INC. TO ADD AN OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PUB CRAWL TO BE HELD ON MARCH 11, 2017

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Thoman and seconded by Alderperson Beer. On voice vote, the motion carried.

N. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Thoman. Utilities Supervisor Kennison explained. This is to replace lead service lines on private property. Brief discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

O. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH EHLERS FOR POSSIBLE CREATION OF TID #9

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Koch. Admin Rath provided more explanation. Only phase 1 will be acted upon and then they will come back to Council. It will only be \$5,000 at this point. Questions and discussion ensued. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION GIVING FINAL APPROVAL FOR DOG PARK

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Newcomer. Questions and discussion took place. Alder Newcomer commented that they are over half way to the fundraising goal of \$50,000. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION COMBINING WARDS FOR 2017 SPRING ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING POLLING PLACE LOCATION

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Beer. Alder Koch questioned how the polling place will work for the Spring Election. City Clerk Stamm responded that the poll book will be split into at least thirds with 3 check-in stations. On voice vote, the motion carried.

P. BUSINESS BY ALDERPERSONS

Alder Beer asked for an update on the flooring project at City Hall. Admin. Rath said that the letter declaring a default was sent. They reached out to Atty. Bartholf to set up a time to view the building.

Q. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance Director Schuchart gave updates on the audit.

City Clerk Stamm commented about the renewal rate for the property insurance with MPIC. There is an overall decrease of 2.5% to total premium with an increase of 5.5% to total insured value.

R. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESS

none

S. ADJOURNMENT

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

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