

City of Monroe  
Common Council Minutes  
March 15, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

none

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

D. BUSINESS BY MAYOR

1. EHLERS PRESENTATION REGARDING INVESTMENTS AND FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ehlers made the presentation. Questions and discussion took place. Alder Newcomer arrived at this time.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION OF THE CURRENT PARKING RAMP AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SURFACE LOT IN SAME LOCATION

*(This was moved to the end of the meeting)*

Motion made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Bauman to adopt the resolution. The meeting was opened for public comments. Those speaking were William Riese, Bob Duxstad, Rex Ewald as a citizen and not in his official capacity as City Attorney, and Tom Miller speaking as a taxpayer. Mike DeMoss of Cities & Villages Mutual spoke regarding the liability issue with the current ramp. Much discussion took place. Mayor Ross made comments. The ramp continues to deteriorate and he is concerned for the safety of the citizens. A decision needs to be made. He said this is a step process and this is the first step. He requests an up or down vote on this. If it doesn't pass, we go to step 2. On roll call vote, the motion failed. (5 no votes – Miller, Boyce, Koch, Beer, Armstrong) (4 aye votes – Bauman, Newcomer, Stangel, Thoman) Mayor Ross then said that he will bring this up on the next Council meeting agenda to talk about the next step to move forward with this.

E. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC

none

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$571,635.22)

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

3. CORPORATE RESOLUTION FOR UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

This was acted upon separately from the rest of the consent agenda. Fire Chief Rausch explained that this a housekeeping measure. Motion to approve made by Alderperson Beer

and seconded by Alderperson Stangel. Brief questions and discussion ensued. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

G. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON TREASURER'S REPORT (2<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF EACH MONTH)  
Comptroller Schuchart made comments.

H. JUDICIARY AND ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 1-9, REPEALING SECTION 1-5-1(D), RENUMBERING SECTION 1-5-1(E) AS SECTION 1-5-1(D), REPEALING CHAPTER 1-10 AND RENUMBERING CHAPTER 1-17 AS CHAPTER 1-10 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: WARDS AND ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

Alderperson Armstrong presented for the first time. A public hearing was set for April 6, 2016.

2. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 3-13-12 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES

Alderperson Armstrong submitted for the first time. A public hearing was set for April 6, 2016.

I. FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION ACTING ON CLAIM OF NEWTON KEENAN

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

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM TO TAXI SERVICE CONTRACT, ADDITION OF SUNDAY HOURS, AND INCREASED AGENCY FARES AND PACKAGE DELIVERY FEES

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Thoman.

Mayor Ross opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Questions and discussion took place. City Clerk Stamm explained further. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW AGENCY AND INSURER FOR CITY'S PROPERTY INSURANCE

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Thoman.

Alderperson Stangel explained the process used and the decision that was arrived at to go with MPIC for the city's property insurance. Questions and discussion ensued. Alder Boyce expressed concern and that he would like to keep this local and would like to see this postponed. Mike DeMoss of CVMIC, also representing MPIC, made comments and provided explanation about the new property insurance company, MPIC. Much more discussion ensued. Alderperson Bauman arrived at the meeting. On roll call vote, the motion carried. (5 aye votes – Miller, Bauman, Newcomer, Koch, Beer, 4 no votes – Boyce, Armstrong, Stangel, and Thoman).

J. SALARY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Koch. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

K. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTALLATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING STALL IN 1100 BLOCK OF 17<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

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

L. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

At this point in the meeting, the Council went back to the Resolution Authorizing Demolition of the Current Parking Ramp and Construction of a Surface Lot in Same Location. (See above)

M. BUSINESS BY ALDERPERSONS

Alderperson Stangel made comments and motioned to place the Ordinance Amending Section 9-2-1, Repealing Section 9-2-22 and Renumbering Sections 9-2-23 through 9-2-27 of the Monroe City Code: Possession of Live Chickens on the next Council meeting agenda. City Attorney Ewald made comments and clarified that Alder Stangel meant to have it on the agenda for the Council to debate and act on a motion to suspend the rules to introduce it without a Judiciary & Ordinance Review Committee recommendation. Questions and discussion ensued. Alderperson Bauman seconded the motion to put it on the agenda. More discussion took place. Several alders made comments. On roll call vote, the motion failed. (6 no votes – Miller, Bauman, Boyce, Koch, Beer, and Armstrong, 3 aye votes – Newcomer, Stangel, and Thoman)

N. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Comptroller Schuchart made comments about the audit in process.

City Clerk Stamm reminded everyone that the next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> due to the election on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

O. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESS

Bridget Cooke asked when the parking ramp was built.

P. ADJOURNMENT

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

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