

City of Monroe
Common Council Minutes
March 21, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Council President Stangel called the meeting to order. Present at roll call were Alderpersons Miller, Bauman, Boyce, Koch, Beer, Marsh, Stangel, and Thoman. Alderperson Newcomer was in attendance by speaker phone. Mayor Armstrong was absent.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES
none

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
none

D. BUSINESS BY MAYOR

Council President Stangel commented that March 25th is the birthday of the incorporation of the City of Monroe.

E. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC

Council President Stangel limited the public comments to 3 minutes per person.

Several citizens spoke with concerns about the proposed housing project for the parking lot located by Stop n Go and the Green County Historical Society museum.

Kay Argue, VP of the Green County Historical Society made comments. Without the lot, there will be virtually no parking.

Steve Elmer questioned if there will be a public hearing.

Sherry Anderegg also expressed concerns about the potential loss of parking. There will be no places for buses to park and they are planning special events.

Donna Douglas mentioned that the parking lot is needed for handicapped parking for Cheese Days.

Jonathon Rupp also expressed concerns about the parking.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$1,755,139.87)

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

G. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON TREASURER'S REPORT (2ND REGULAR MEETING OF EACH MONTH)
none

H. 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.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONE ON 10 ½ STREET

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT POLICE VEHICLES

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

I. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE WESTSIDE FIRE STATION PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Bauman. Alderperson Thoman questioned why this is being done. Questions and discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTAINER ASSET RECOVERY TRACKING SYSTEM SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Miller. Alder Marsh commented that the contract attached to the resolution does not have the correct numbers on it. Questions and discussion took place. Alder Koch said this was discussed at the Board of Public Works. The total should be \$2,400 for cellular data fees, \$12,000 for the collection data tracking module and \$12,000 for the work order and inventory module. Alder Boyce requested that contracted garbage pick-up be discussed again. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously (with the corrected dollar amounts).

J. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY ALDERPERSONS

Alderperson Koch mentioned that someone from the Senior Center will be coming to speak to the Council at the next meeting.

K. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

City Clerk Stamm mentioned that the next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5 due to the election on April 4.

L. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESS

none

M. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. BUSINESS: OPEN

a. PROPOSED MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT AND TIF REQUEST FROM MSP REAL ESTATE

Community Development Director Shanks explained. Alderperson Bauman made comments about the parking study done by Rich & Associates not taking into consideration the parking ramp being removed. She also questioned what happens if the deficit for the project comes in higher than expected. Shanks said language can be

added into the development agreement to handle this. Alder Bauman also expressed concerns that there is no green space except for the terrace for the proposed project. Alder Marsh also made comments that this is not a good decision for the city to approve this. Alder Miller asked about the soil borings. Questions and discussion took place. Alder Boyce mentioned that he is not a fan of TIF, but questioned what the city is willing to do in TID 7. A representative from MSP Real Estate also added comments. Alder Bauman said the city needs to decide whether or not to move forward with this. More questions and discussion took place. DPW Gerber said that the low quote for the soil borings is \$4,500, which should be approved at the Board of Public Works. Alder Koch said that he doesn't like using tax payer dollars to subsidize developers. Council President Stangel said to move ahead with the boring study and then revisit again.

b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR LANDSCAPING ON THE PARKING RAMP SITE

DPW Gerber explained the different options. He recommended going with a 5' bumper strip on 15th Avenue and 11th Street. Questions and discussion ensued. There will be 2 handicapped parking stalls in the lot. Council President Stangel said to get better numbers and then come back to the next Council meeting.

2. BUSINESS: CLOSED

Council President Stangel read the purpose of the closed meeting under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved along with the following agenda item.

a. UPDATES ON POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTION AND STRATEGY IN REGARDS TO WWTP UPGRADE PROJECT

Motion to close the meeting made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Thoman. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DPW Gerber gave updates. Alderperson Newcomer left the meeting at this time. Questions and discussion took place.

N. 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