

City of Monroe  
Common Council Minutes  
April 6, 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, Armstrong, Stangel, and Thoman. Alder Beer was absent.
- B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES  
none
- C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
City Clerk Stamm read a letter from Robert W. (Duke) Goetz regarding the parking ramp.
- D. BUSINESS BY MAYOR  
none
- E. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC  
none
- F. CONSENT AGENDA
1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES (scratched from agenda)
  2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$1,992,790.67)  
Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Miller. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- G. JUDICIARY & 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 submitted for the second time. A public hearing was held at which no one from the public spoke. Motion made by Alderperson Armstrong and seconded by Alderperson Boyce to adopt the ordinance. Questions ensued. City Clerk Stamm provided explanation. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.
  2. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTIONS 3-13-12 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES  
Alderperson Armstrong presented for the second time. A public hearing was held at which no one from the public spoke. (Action to adopt this ordinance was postponed to give the Public Safety Committee more time to discuss changes to the fees.)
- H. PLAN COMMISSION
1. SPECIAL ORDINANCE #158 ADOPTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
Alderperson Koch introduced for the first time. A public hearing date was set for April 18, 2016.

I. FINANCE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN TO GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Motion made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Koch to approve. Questions and discussion ensued, including discussion on the term of the loan. City Atty. Ewald said that a demand note could be done that is due when it is called in. More discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS

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

2. RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS  
(scratched from agenda)

K. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF OIL DISTRIBUTER

Motion made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Miller to approve. Questions and discussion took place. DPW Gerber confirmed that this piece of equipment was identified in the 2016 capital budget. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACT

Motion made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Stangel to approve. Alderperson Koch made comments that he brought this to Council because the whole Council should be deciding this and that he would personally like to see it delayed. Alderperson Miller also made comments. Administrator Rath provided further explanation. A representative from Schneider Electric also spoke and explained the project. More questions and discussion took place. A representative from Johnson Controls then spoke. Alderperson Koch made a motion to withdraw his motion and bring it back in 6 months. Alderperson Miller seconded the motion. More discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion to withdraw and bring back in 6 months failed. (aye – Miller, Koch, Thoman) (no – Bauman, Boyce, Newcomer, Armstrong, Stangel) On roll call vote, the original motion to approve carried with 6 aye votes. (aye – Bauman, Boyce, Newcomer, Armstrong, Stangel, Thoman) (no – Miller, Koch)

3. RESOLUTION HIRING MCGOWAN ARCHITECTURE LLC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL FLOORING PROJECT

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

4. RESOLUTION HIRING MCGOWAN ARCHITECTURE LLC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL FRONT ENTRANCE REMODEL PROJECT

Motion to approve made by Alderperson Koch and seconded by Alderperson Armstrong. Discussion ensued. Admin. Rath provided explanation. On roll call vote, the motion carried with 7 aye votes and 1 no vote from Alderperson Bauman.

L. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS

Aldersperson Beer joined the meeting via speaker phone at this time. City Clerk Stamm explained that now that the ordinance allowing the possession of chickens within the City has been adopted, permit fees need to be decided. Discussion ensued. Aldersperson Boyce brought up a concern about neighborhood covenants. More questions and discussion took place. It was generally agreed to reference this in the permit and application. Admin. Rath suggested adding a check box asking if the applicant has checked on any deed restrictions. Aldersperson Boyce also questioned the fees recommended by staff. City Clerk Stamm explained that she looked at staff time and the cost of labor when making the recommendation. Admin. Rath said that there are also enforcement costs. More questions and discussion took place. Alder Koch commented that he didn't think the fees are out of line at all and maybe on the low side and then motioned to go ahead with resolution with fees as suggested. Alder Armstrong seconded the motion. (Initial Review Fee - \$50.00, Review fee for changes to construction or size of coop or run or location on premises - \$25.00, Annual permit fee - \$25.00 no proration). On voice vote, the motion carried.

## 2. OPTIONS FOR PARKING RAMP

Rex Ewald made a presentation. Questions and discussion took place. Chris Soukup also addressed the Council. More discussion ensued. Mayor Ross urged the Council to think about what was said and to come up with options and then narrow it down. Again, more discussion ensued.

Motion made by Aldersperson Koch to go ahead with the armory two level ramp first and then when we get that constructed, go with a 2 level ramp at the present ramp location and in the meantime close the ramp. Aldersperson Beer seconded the motion. Alder Bauman commented that we have no idea of the cost of this. Alder Koch commented that his intention was to ask for an RFP. Alder Beer confirmed that she seconded the RFP. Questions and discussion ensued. Alder Thoman motioned to segregate the question (Clerk Stamm clarified that the two segregated parts are to vote on the closure and then to vote on the rest with the construction and the RFP). Alder Armstrong seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DPW Gerber questioned if they want an RFP or just an estimate of what the ramps would cost. An RFP is a request for proposals to build a ramp. Gerber commented that they need to narrow it down as to what type of ramp they want, including the appearance and construction materials. There are a lot of variables. Discussion continued. Gerber suggested having a structural engineer and an architect first do a conceptual footprint and then use that to get an estimate of the rough costs to see if it is even feasible. Discussion continued.

Aldersperson Miller motioned to amend the motion to go for an estimate instead of an RFP for the two ramps. Alder Bauman seconded the motion.

Aldersperson Armstrong motioned to amend the motion to get an estimate for all 3 ramps including Spring Square. The motion died for lack of a second.

Aldersperson Boyce made comments and motioned to adjourn. Aldersperson Stangel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at this point. There was no discussion or action on any other agenda items going forward.

M. BUSINESS BY ALDERPERSONS  
skipped

N. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS  
skipped

O. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESS  
skipped

P. ADJOURNMENT  
(See previous motion)

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