

City of Monroe
Common Council Minutes
August 16, 2016

- A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order. Present at roll call were Alderpersons Miller, Bauman, Newcomer, Koch, Beer, Marsh, Stangel, and Thoman. Alderperson Boyce was absent.
- B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES
none
- C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
none
- D. BUSINESS BY MAYOR
1. HONOR FORMER CITY ATTORNEY EWALD FOR HIS RETIREMENT AND SERVICE TO THE CITY
Rex Ewald was honored and presented with a plaque and gift.
 2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CREATION OF BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Mayor Armstrong spoke. He suggested quarterly meetings to discuss what is planned and what is to be spent such as money budgeted for the parking ramp that was never spent. The City could find out earlier if we need more labor for roads to be worked on. This committee is to empower the Council to spend money more wisely. Questions and discussion ensued. Alderperson Stangel said to draft a policy and make recommendations for who should be on the committee and then come back to Council.
- E. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC
LaVerne Isely spoke in regards to electing alderpersons at large. He said that every ward should have an alderperson.
- F. CONSENT AGENDA
1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES
 2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$177,894.34)
Motion made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Stangel to approve the consent agenda. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- G. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON TREASURER'S REPORT (2ND REGULAR MEETING OF EACH MONTH)
(Report was not available)
- H. JUDICIARY AND ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
The Council jumped to agenda item H2 at this time.
1. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 3 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: ALCOHOL BEVERAGES
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 Bauman to adopt. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MONROE, WISCONSIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN

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

The Council then returned to agenda item H1.

3. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTIONS 9-2-17 AND 9-2-18 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: ANIMAL POSSESSION EXCEPTION

Alderson Beer introduced for the first time. A public hearing date was set for Sept. 6, 2016.

4. ORDINANCES TO ELECT ALDERPERSONS AT LARGE OR ADDITIONAL ALDERPERSONS AT LARGE

**Charter Ordinance Repealing Section 1-5-1 and Creating Sections 1-5-1(A), (B), (C) and (D) of the Monroe City Code: Additional Aldersons Elected at Large

or

**Charter Ordinance Repealing Section 1-5-1 and Creating Sections 1-5-1(A), (B), (C) and (D) of the Monroe City Code: Aldersons Elected at Large

Alderson Beer explained that the recommendation from the Judiciary & Ordinance Review Committee was to go with 11 alderpersons all elected at large. City Attorney Bartholf provided further information. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Alderson Bauman and seconded by Alderson Marsh to move forward with the "Charter Ordinance Repealing Section 1-5-1 and Creating Sections 1-5-1(A), (B), (C) and (D) of the Monroe City Code: Aldersons Elected at Large" and set for a public hearing on Sept. 6, 2016. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and 2 no votes from Aldersons Beer and Thoman.

I. PLAN COMMISSION

1. CONSIDERATION OF DOG PARK TO BE LOCATED IN NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK AND POSSIBLY APPROVE CONCEPT AND LOCATION AND AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO PROCEED WITH NECESSARY ORDINANCE CHANGES AND DRAFTING OF AN OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

Alderson Newcomer explained. This will be a membership park to be maintained by the City of Monroe Parks Dept. They will seek donations for the work to create it. Discussion ensued. Alderson Bauman commented that she would like the presentation to be available to the public on the city website.

Motion made by Alderson Bauman and seconded by Alderson Beer to approve the concept and location and to authorize city staff to proceed with necessary ordinance changes and drafting of an official resolution. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

J. FINANCE & TAXATION COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY-WIDE FEE SCHEDULE

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

K. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS

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

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTALLATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING STALL ON NORTHWEST CORNER OF 11TH STREET AT 14TH AVENUE

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

L. LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION GRANTING AMENDMENT TO LICENSED PREMISES FOR SINNERS LLC TO EXPAND OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN

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

2. RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE TO GREEN COUNTY AG SOCIETY FOR AN OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRACTOR PULL

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

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO LICENSED PREMISES FOR "CLASS B" LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE ISSUED TO TURNER HALL OF MONROE, INC TO ADD OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN SPACE FOR CHEESE DAYS

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

M. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR CITY HALL FRONT ENTRANCE PROJECT

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

The Council jumped to agenda item O at this time.

N. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. DISCUSSION ON CITY'S POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF 98.48 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY DOLAN FAMILY IN THE TOWN OF MONROE FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ANNEXATION, TIF CREATION AND FINANCING OPTIONS

Asst Admin/Community Development Director Shanks explained. Questions and discussion took place.

2. BUSINESS: CLOSED

Aldersperson Stangel read the purpose of the closed meeting under Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session along with the following subject matter.

- a. HEAR AND DISCUSS STAFF AND REAL ESTATE BROKER'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES RELATED TO FINANCIAL TERMS FOR THE CITY'S ACQUISITION OF 98.48 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY DOLAN FAMILY IN THE TOWN OF MONROE FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

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

Discussion ensued.

- b. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion to reopen the meeting made by Aldersperson Koch and seconded by Aldersperson Miller. The motion carried unanimously as announced by Mayor Armstrong.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLY ACT ON AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO OFFER TO PURCHASE FOR 98.48 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY DOLAN FAMILY IN THE TOWN OF MONROE FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Motion made by Aldersperson Koch and seconded by Aldersperson Beer to approve and enter into the offer to purchase. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. (purchase price of \$1,850,000)

O. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY ALDERPERSONS

none

P. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

none

Q. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY PRESS

none

The Council returned to agenda item N1 at this time.

R. ADJOURNMENT

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

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