

City of Monroe
Common Council Minutes
September 6, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES
none

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
none

D. BUSINESS BY MAYOR

1. REVIEW COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Armstrong explained. Alder Stangel made comments that he is against increasing alderperson salaries due to budget constraints. Other alderpersons also made comments. Questions and discussion ensued. Alderperson Thoman mentioned that at the County he doesn't get paid if a meeting is missed. The Council generally agreed to leave the salaries as they currently are.

2. CONSTITUTION WEEK 2016 PROCLAMATION

Mayor Armstrong presented the proclamation.

3. APPOINT YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT MEMBERS FOR A TERM OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 – MAY 12, 2017

Mayor Armstrong made the following appointments. Board of Public Works – Nathan Smith, Andrew Wheat, Samuel Nicholson, Finance & Taxation Committee – Nick Baumann, Lillian Edwards, Senior Citizens Board – Linnea Tabaka

Motion to confirm the appointments made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Miller. Motion carried.

Certificates were then presented and oaths administered to the Youth in Government members.

E. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC

1. RECOGNITION OF YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

A representative of Senator Johnson's office presented plaques to the students and a representative of Congressman Pocan's office presented them with letters.

Alderperson Boyce made comments about improving the audio/video and agenda management system.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$415,715.22)
Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Alderperson Beer and seconded by Alderperson Stangel. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

G. JUDICIARY AND ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTIONS 9-2-17 AND 9-2-18 OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: ANIMAL POSSESSION EXCEPTION
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 Marsh to adopt the proposed ordinance. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.
2. CHARTER ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 1-5-1 AND CREATING SECTIONS 1-5-1(A) (B) (C) AND (D) OF THE MONROE CITY CODE: ALDERPERSONS ELECTED AT LARGE
Alderperson Beer introduced for the second time. A public hearing was held. Members of the public speaking were Laverne Isely, Linda Isely, Mary Soddy, Randy Blumer, and Ernest Gebhardt.

Mayor Armstrong made comments. He said that the Council needs to decide on 9 or 11 alders separately. Much discussion ensued. Mayor Armstrong also commented that the city can go to 4 members on each committee and no alternate members.

Alderperson Boyce motioned to adopt the "Charter Ordinance Repealing Section 1-5-1 and Creating Sections 1-5-1(A), (B), (C) and (D) of the Monroe City Code: Alderpersons Elected at Large" to go with the Mayor and 9 alderpersons. Alderperson Marsh seconded the motion.

Mayor Armstrong called a recess for the City Attorney and City Clerk to review the ordinance with the change to 9 alderpersons to make sure everything is correct. A brief recess was held.

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order again.

Motion then made by Alderperson Miller to go back to 11 alderpersons. Alderperson Bauman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion failed (4 no votes – Boyce, Beer, Stangel, Thoman) (3 yes votes – Miller, Bauman, Marsh)

On roll call vote, the motion to adopt the charter ordinance with 9 alderpersons carried with 6 aye votes and 1 no vote from Alderperson Thoman.

H. FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGN LOCATION LEASES WITH THE LAMAR COMPANIES
Motion made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Boyce to approve. On voice vote, the motion carried.

I. SALARY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY FOR INTERIM FIRE CHIEF
Motion made by Alderperson Bauman and seconded by Alderperson Beer to approve. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSS CITY ADMINISTRATION ANNUAL EVALUATION

Aldersperson Bauman explained that as the Chairperson of the Salary & Personnel Committee, she leads the City Administrator review process. She will give everyone an online review form which will be anonymous and she will compile the results.

Aldersperson Boyce commented that he would like to formalize the process in an ordinance.

The Council generally agreed to have the Administrator's review done by the end of the month.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS AND AMENDMENTS

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

K. LICENSE COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE TO MONROE LIONS CLUB FOR MINHAS OKTOBERFEST

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

2. RESOLUTION GRANTING TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO LICENSED PREMISES FOR "CLASS B" LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE ISSUED TO THE FRENCH QUARTER, INC TO ADD AN OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN FOR CHEESE DAYS

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

L. BUSINESS BY ALDERPERSONS

none

M. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. UPDATE ON ZONING CODE RE-WRITE PROJECT

Asst. Admin. Shanks gave updates. Questions and discussion took place.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DAYS AND HOURS FOR IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

City Clerk Stamm explained. Previously, the days and hours for holding in person absentee voting in the City Clerk's Office was limited to the two week period prior to the week of the election. There have been changes to the law and now it is up to each municipal clerk to set the days and hours. She announced that she is setting the days and hours for the two week period prior to the week of the election which is October 24 – November 4, M – F, 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. Brief discussion ensued. There were no objections from the Council.

N. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESS

none

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

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