

City of Monroe  
Common Council Minutes  
November 15, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

none

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

none

D. BUSINESS BY MAYOR

1. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM MSP REAL ESTATE FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON PARKING RAMP SITE AND REVIEW PARKING AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

A representative of MSP spoke. He said that he heard the concerns of the downtown business owners and he offered an alternative location of the north TDS parking lot. He commented that the project can't happen without the tax credits.

Mayor Armstrong then mentioned the city code that states that alderpersons shall have 2 opportunities to speak and shall be limited to 10 minutes. He commented that he will be following this to maintain more order at Council meetings.

Much discussion ensued. Mayor Armstrong commented that the alternate site can't be discussed because it is not listed on the agenda.

Motion made by Alderperson Stangel and seconded by Alderperson Beer to not build the proposed real estate development on the parking ramp site. Discussion took place. Both withdrew the motion.

It was clarified that this will appear on the next agenda to discuss further.

E. APPEARANCES BY THE PUBLIC

Chris Soukup spoke regarding the proposed MSP development project and commented that the numbers on the project are far-fetched and there is not much of a chance of breaking even.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION GRANTING MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

(scratched from agenda)

2. APPROVE CLAIMS AS PRESENTED ON CLAIMS LIST (\$357,403.91)

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

G. PLAN COMMISSION

1. ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY #158

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

H. FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING MONROE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OPERATING PLAN FOR 2017 AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

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

2. RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2017 BUDGET, LEVYING TAXES, AND APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS

Motion to approve made by Aldersperson Stangel and seconded by Aldersperson Koch. A public hearing was held at which no one from the public spoke. Questions and discussion ensued amongst the Council members. Aldersperson Bauman called for the vote. On roll call vote, the motion carried with 7 aye votes and 2 no votes from Alderspersons Boyce and Beer.

I. SALARY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION RATIFYING CONTRACT WITH AFSCME

Motion to approve made by Aldersperson Bauman and seconded by Aldersperson Stangel. Discussion ensued regarding the unfilled positions. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS

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

K. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PARKING RAMP PROJECT

At the November 1, 2016 Common Council meeting, a motion was made by Aldersperson Boyce and seconded by Aldersperson Thoman to approve this resolution. By action of the Council, this motion was moved to this meeting and is still pending before the Council. Aldersperson Koch read the resolution again. Aldersperson Boyce expressed concerns about the prevailing wage issue and why the city is not waiting to bid this project. Questions and discussion took place. On roll call vote, the motion carried with 7 aye votes and 2 no votes from Alderspersons Miller and Koch.

L. COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. SET SPECIFIC DATES FOR BUDGET STATUS DISCUSSIONS AND DECIDE UPON TOPICS FOR FIRST MEETING

Mayor Armstrong explained and presented a list of topics as follows: water rates, water capital fund status, sewer rates, sewer capital fund status, roads and infrastructure-2016 complete or not complete along with 2016, 2017 and 2018 schedule, cemetery loan, managing the ramp and razing, WWTP, 8<sup>th</sup> Street updates, and sanitation rates & transfer station.

Aldersperson Stangel added a cost study on services and modifying the budget.

Aldersperson Boyce added a study on public safety services, a review of garbage pick-up and grass mowing.

Mayor Armstrong will let the Council know a date for this meeting later.

M. BUSINESS BY ALDERPERSONS

Aldersperson Marsh asked why BID is not listed on the city website. Discussion ensued.

Aldersperson Bauman thanked AFSCME for the smooth bargaining process this year.

N. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

none

O. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE PRESS

none

P. ADJOURNMENT

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

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