

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2013**

The Special and Business Meetings of the Monroe City Council were held on September 10, 2013, starting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and reconvening in the Council Chambers at City Hall for the regular Business portion of the meeting. Mayor Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Goering, Cudaback, Williams, Kamp, Davis, Gamble, and Hanford.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Lande, Sheppard, Davis, and Martinson.

City Attorney Zach Lell was not present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilperson Gamble arrived at 7:02 p.m., after roll call was taken.

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour

Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, John Lande, conducted the tour of the facility, including the capital facilities project. He explained that there are additional improvements to the WWTP, for which he will be seeking Council approval at the next meeting.

**MEETING RECESSED AT 8:00 P.M. AND RECONVENED INTO REGULAR
BUSINESS MEETING SESSION IN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 8:15 P.M.**

It was noted that all elected officials were present in City Council Chambers.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Nelson, Quenzer, Sax, Farrell, Smoot, and Martinson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment of New City Clerk

City Administrator Brazel acknowledged the new City Clerk, Elizabeth (Liz) Smoot, CMC, who was in the audience. He noted her background and credentials, stating that the interview panel was unanimous in the selection of Ms. Smoot out of the five applicants who were interviewed for the position.

Ms. Smoot addressed Council stating that she looks forward to working with them.

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Elizabeth Smoot as Monroe City Clerk. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

No citizens wished to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes

A. September 3, 2013 Business Meeting

2. Accounts Payable & Payroll

A. Payroll: Checks #32867 – #32935, in the amount of \$934,354.08.

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to approve the Consent Agenda. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion: Council Compensation

City Administrator Brazel provided background information explaining that the Council Finance Committee wishes to move towards a salary-based compensation program, rather than a per-meeting basis. They discussed compensation of \$600 per month, as it is the mid-range compared to other similar sized cities.

Councilperson Gamble further explained the reasons for the change in Council compensation, including getting more citizens interested in running for Council.

Councilperson Williams explained the various compensation models they looked at for other cities, and most are on a salary basis. There is more city business for Council members than just attending the meetings.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Kamp and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to direct staff to schedule and advertise for a public hearing regarding Council compensation.

Gamble clarified that the compensation only goes into effect for new Council terms.

The motion was on the floor to schedule and advertise a public hearing. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Director Feilberg answered Councilperson Kamp's question about the overpass lighting on 179th Street.

Councilperson Davis reminded everyone that Wednesday would be the 12th anniversary of 9/11.

Councilperson Gamble commented about the winning peewee team.

Councilperson Hanford stated that he had enjoyed *Friday Night Lights* at Monroe High School. He thanked Deputy Clerk Martinson for her work and time as Interim City Clerk.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Director Farrell reported on MusicFest and how so many people came together to make it an amazing success.

Economic Development Manager Sax commented further and noted the quality of sound, staging, and lighting. This was proof that Monroe can pull off a world class event.

City Administrator Brazel stated that the performers were in awe over the professionalism and they all want to come back to Monroe. He would like to add onto the stage and do weather-proofing. He thanked Council for their support in this endeavor.

Finance Director Nelson stated that she was impressed with the caliber of the whole show and the performers.

Public Works Director Feilberg noted that there is a list of capital projects in the Public Works report in the Council packet.

Chief Quenzer reported on the Citizen academy that started last week.

Economic Development Manager Sax reported that the sale to Walmart is now closed. The funds from the sale are in the bank.

Director Feilberg noted that Walmart had submitted their plans, which included payment of \$1.16M for North Kelsey EIS fees and another \$800K for GMA fees.

Mayor Zimmerman stated that MusicFest is his last major event as mayor. He also noted the many wonderful ideas for Monroe from staff, including, the Pro Wakeboard Tour and the triathlon. He encouraged Council to keep everything going next year. He is proud of everyone's efforts.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS

1. Draft Agenda for September 17, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for September 17, 2013.


Mayor Zimmerman stated that he would be absent on September 17th, and reminded Mayor Pro-tempore Williams that he would be required to run the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Kamp, to adjourn the meeting. On vote,
Motion carried 7/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:52 p.m.


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor