

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The November 19, 2013, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Robert G. Zimmerman at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Goering, Gamble, Hanford, Kamp, and Williams. Student Representative Vasatka was also in attendance.

Staff members present: Brazel, Sergeant Clopp, Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Sax, Smoot, and City Attorney Snyder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attendees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Second Public Hearing on 2014 Preliminary Budget

Ms. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, introduced the matter, stating this is the second of two public hearings regarding the 2014 Preliminary Budget, providing an opportunity for public input as required by state law.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the citizen comment portion of the public hearing; there were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

Councilmember Hanford moved to close the citizen comment portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams.
On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

Councilmember Hanford moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

2. Public Hearing Regarding Code of Ethics Amendments

A. Public Testimony

City Administrator Gene Brazel introduced the matter, and provided background information on the proposed amendments.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the citizen comment portion of the public hearing; there were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

Councilmember Goering moved to close the citizen comment portion of the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp.
On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

Councilmember Goering moved to close the public hearing; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

B. Ordinance Amending Code of Ethics/1st Reading

Councilmember Kamp moved to accept as first reading the ordinance amending the Code of Ethics; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. City Attorney Snyder read Ordinance No. 019/2013 into the record:

An Ordinance of the City of Monroe, Washington, Amending Chapter 2.52 MMC, Code of Ethics; Adopting the Substantive State Law Ethical Standards for Municipal Officers; Eliminating Certain Previously Adopted Local Standards; Retaining the Functions of the City's Ethics Board and Procedural Regulations for Processing Local Ethics Complaints; and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Become Effective.

On vote,
Motion carried (5-0).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no Citizens present wishing to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes; November 12, 2013, Regular Business Meeting**
2. *(Item removed from the consent agenda and addressed separately.)*
3. **Authorize the Mayor to Sign Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Emergency Management Services**

Councilmember Goering moved to approve Item Nos. 1 and 3 of the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments;** Check Nos. 84241 through 84340; in a total amount of \$947,021.96

Councilmember Gamble abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest, and exited the chambers for the vote, along with Mayor Zimmerman.

Councilmember Kamp moved to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 2; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,
Motion carried (4-0).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Karen Vasatka, Student Representative to Council, reported on the following topics: collaboration with the School Board Student Representative; the ASB theme for the 2013-14 school year – “Under One Roof”; participation in ‘Free the Children’ charity events – “We Create Change”, raising money to build a school in another country (\$1,500 raised during homecoming week) and “We Scare Hunger”, Halloween campaign collecting canned goods (1385 pounds collected); and the “Hunger Games” campaign, raising money and collecting canned goods.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Vasatka for the report, and commented on the good work being done and excellent participation at Monroe High School. Mayor Zimmerman inquired as to participation in an event at Microsoft; Ms. Vasatka reported on the leadership training event attended by Monroe ASB.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Landfill Report

City Administrator Gene Brazel reported on the Landfill site; presenting information on the following topics: site description, site investigation, photos/topographical illustrations, soil boring, range of estimated landfill volume, landfill material removal and disposal costs, and site options.

Discussion ensued regarding site disposal options/costs, estimated salvage rates/recycle and reusable materials disposition, cost assessment and appraised value, and Council direction for next steps.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Williams recognized Eadye Martinson, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk, in attendance.

Councilmember Kamp commented on attendance at the Downtown Monroe clean up event held the prior Saturday, in preparation for the holiday celebration on November 30, 2013.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the ending of the football season, and beginning of the basketball season.

Councilmember Hanford commented on the Downtown Monroe clean up event and the upcoming November 30th holiday event.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks Director, reported on holiday decoration installation, and the Light Up Monroe event being held, November 30, 2013.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Zimmerman reported he would not be in attendance at the November 26, 2013, regular business meeting; and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

1. Draft Agenda/November 26, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for November 26, 2013.

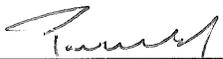
Councilmember Hanford and Mayor Zimmerman commented on Police and Fire Appreciation Week; and the luncheon to be held in this regard for staff on Friday, November 22, 2013, 12:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Hanford and seconded by Councilmember Kamp to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45 p.m.



Tom Williams, Mayor Pro Tem



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of November 26, 2013.