

October 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Duinink at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2018, at the Monroe City Hall. Roll call was taken - Council Members Hegwood, St. Peter, Steenhoek, Goemaat and Bradbury were in attendance. City employees at the meeting were: Kim Thomas, Nicholas Chambers, Steve Wright, and Jeff Timmins.

Visitors at the meeting were: Dean Van Ryswyk, Tyler Vander Linden, Cole Vander Linden, Kyle Edwards, Jason Van Ausdall, and Derek Johnson. There were no committee and board reports.

Council Member Goemaat moved and was seconded by Council Member Bradbury to approve the consent agenda. Items on the agenda included the clerk and treasurer report and bills and minutes from the September meeting. Bradbury moved and was seconded by Council Member Steenhoek to approve Mike's Lounge Class C liquor, living quarters and outdoor service for 114 E. Washington Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Hegwood moved and was seconded by Council Member St. Peter to approve the second reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 99, FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES. Motion carried 5-0.

Goemaat moved and was seconded by Hegwood to proceed with the purchase of parcel 1736300011 from Bradley and Judith Woody pending purchase agreement and resolution approval. The council requests that all deed and abstract work is up to date before the purchase. The purchase price agreed upon was \$100,000.

Derek Johnson from ISG Engineering was in attendance to discuss the West Lincoln Street Project. Derek stated that TK Concrete has asked to postpone the West Lincoln Street project til spring and they are willing to hold the 2018 pricing in the original contract. TK Concrete states that they are 6 to 8 weeks behind on projects and under contracts because of the late spring and record rainfall. Additional concerns addressed in the letter included the chance of asphalt plants closing before the project completion. Derek proposed 3 options: 1. Hold to the contract and push to get it done before the October 31, 2018 completion date in the contract. 2. Allow TK Concrete to start in April 2019 with the guarantee of 2018 pricing. 3. Terminate the original contract and rebid the project for spring of 2019. Derek stated with option 3, bids could come in higher than the TK Concrete pricing. By rebidding, the city will incur additional engineering costs and contractor bonding costs may be requested to be reimbursed to TK Concrete. By majority, the council agreed that they were very disappointed with TK Concrete and would like to proceed with the rebidding of the contract upon checking with the city bonding attorneys. The council would also like to make sure that the city can reject any bid from TK Concrete in the future do to failure to perform and being an unreliable contractor. Dean Van Ryswyk stated he was not happy with the work TK Concrete did on the streets at the Meadows. It was agreed upon that the city, along with ISG Engineering, will reach out to the city bonding attorney before proceeding.

Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Bradbury to add the Immigration Enforcement Policy (SF481) to the Monroe Police Department manual. Motion carried 5-0.

Local contractors, Kyle Edwards, Tyler and Cole Vander Linden and Dean Van Ryswyk; along with Jason Van Ausdall, Inspector from V & K Engineering, were at the meeting to discuss the permit requirements for new homes. V & K are requesting professional design plans where in the past have accepted hand drawn plans. This practice is no longer accepted; stated Van Ausdall. The complaint by Tyler Vander Linden was that other Jasper and Marion county towns accept his hand drawn plans, so why can't Monroe? Cole stated that V & K comes to inspect the homes anyway so he was unclear as to why their building plans could not be accepted. Van Ausdall stated a home, at least for him, is one of the biggest financial plans he would ever undertake and professional design plan is very minimal to what a quality home would be. Council member Steenhoek would like to offer some type

of tax incentive for new home builders/buyers and wants to continue to see Monroe grow. Thomas stated a work session should be scheduled to discuss permits and building incentives in more detail at a later date.

Jeff Timmins asked to discuss adding a tree trimming ordinance to the Monroe City Code. Jeff would like to charge residents annually and hire a contractor to come and trim trees over hanging the city streets. Jason Van Ausdall stated it was not legal to do so and it would be opening up a can of worms about ownership of the trees. Thomas did not agree with Van Ausdall and stated the current city ordinance states that if the resident does not trim trees after proper written notification the city can do so and access charges to the homeowner. Nothing was decided on this agenda item.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by Goemaat to take bids for the mowing and trimming of the Silent City Cemetery. Bids will be considered at the January 2019 regular council meeting with the city having the right to refuse any or all bids. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Chambers would like to purchase a used police car from the Kansas State Patrol. KSP has a used Dodge Charger with 48,000 miles fully equipped for \$18,000 with a 5 year factory warranty. Chambers stated he would like to run 3 police vehicles in the rotation and replace one every 5 years instead of 4 years. Steenhoek states she gets numerous complaints about police vehicles being allowed out of town. Chambers has \$24,000 in his car budget currently. Hegwood moved and was seconded by Goemaat to proceed with the purchase of the 2017 Dodge Charger for \$18,000 from the Kansas State Patrol. Motion carried 5-0.

Thomas stated she is waiting for the 3rd quote for a new south Monroe sign. The item will be placed on the November agenda. Thomas also asked the council what they would like to do with the Mid American easement funds they will be receiving. Hegwood suggested using \$10,000 for the Monroe sign, \$10,000 for the Red Rock Prairie Trailhead Pavilion and the balance for the purchase of the Woody building.

Chief Chambers also asked permission by the council to start fundraising for a new canine. Sergeant (current K-9) is nine years old and starting to get arthritis in both hips. Chambers still plans on using Sergeant during daytime activity. Police Sergeant Wright would be the new canine handler and plans to drive the 2017 Charger. Chambers stated the first \$500 for a new canine would be donated by him and his wife. Steenhoek stated she would like to see K-9 decals on the Charger. St. Peter moved and was seconded by Goemaat to approve fundraising for a new canine for the Monroe Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Hegwood moved and was seconded by St. Peter to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. A full copy of minutes may be seen at the Monroe City Hall or www.monroelA.com.

Douglas P. Duinink, Mayor

Kim K. Thomas, City Clerk

SALARIES	NET	27824.21
EFTPS	FEDERAL TAX	9210.64
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WITHHOLDING/STATE TAX	3547.00
IPERS	POLICE/REGULAR	6283.60
CITY OF MONROE	HEALTH INS	1802.03
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	97.90
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	134.24
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	4077.82
MONROE POSTMASTER	MAILING/STAMPS	229.32
UNITED HEALTHCARE	HEALTH INSURANCE	6339.18
VERIZON	PHONE	501.39
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE	220.86
RURAL WATER-AVESIS	VISION INSURANCE	85.85
SECRETERY OF STATE	NOTARY	30.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES/ADA PADS	2292.98
ALTOONA FIRE DEPT	TIER	250.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	434.13
BECKY CURTIS	CPR CARDS	12.50
BROAD REACH	BOOKS	496.59
CALDWELL, BRIERLY, CHALUPA LAW	LEGAL SERVICES	994.00
CASEYS	GAS	1924.79
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	131.24
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	PAYMENT/PRINCIPAL/INTEREST	13522.13
DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC	REGISTRATION	170.00
DEMCO	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	87.72
ELECTRIC PUMP	PUMP REPAIR/TRAVEL/SERVICE	526.00
FARVERS TRUE VALUE	TRIMMER/PARTS/REPAIRS	132.20
FOOD AND FAMILY	2 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	13.98
FOOD NETWORK MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION	12.99
FORBES	FOLDERS/INK	53.98
GALLS LLC	UNIFORMS/KEY	664.96
GIRLS LIFE	SUBSCRIPTION	29.95
GOAT HEAD GARAGE	GASKET/OIL/FILTERS/SERVICE	111.21
GRIMES ASPHALT	COLD MIX	518.30
GUIDEPOSTS	BOOKS	74.70
HEWITTS	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS/TIES/FLAGS	123.40
I & S GROUP	LINCOLN ST ENGINEERING	218.46
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ECIC REGISTRATION	17.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS	47.60
JASPER CO ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE	PARTICIPATION FEE/SERVICE	193.27
JASPER CO SPEED SHOP	SERVICE/OIL/FILTERS/GASKET	1003.05
JOSH WOOD	BOOKS/UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENTS	402.98
KAL SERVICES	SANITATION CONTRACT	13998.41
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES	TESTING	634.00
KINNAMON SERVICES	LIGHTS/WIRING	1475.00

MAGNOLIA JOURNAL	SUBSCRIPTION	30.00
MARCO	COPIER CONTRACT	107.35
MEDIACOM	INTERNET/CABLE	67.49
MIDWEST LIVING	SUBSCRIPTION	11.00
MONROE MIRROR INC	BUSINESS CARDS/PAPER	85.80
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	OIL	157.96
NEWTON CLINIC	PD PHYSICAL	154.95
NEWTON DAILY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	169.05
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	363.51
PHILIP L ASCHEMAN PH.D	MMPI TESTING	205.00
PUBLISHERS PARTNERSHIP SERVICE	SUBSCRIPTION	37.48
RACOM	ANTENNAS	103.60
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	CHEM GUARD FOAM	350.00
SEAN WILSON	BOOKS	262.76
SHRED IT	SERVICE	116.64
SIMMERING-CORY INC	ORDINANCE UPDATE	93.00
SIMPLE & DELICIOUS	SUBSCRIPTION	29.98
TWO RIVERS COOP	LP TANK RENTAL/SPRAY	132.50
US CELLULAR	PHONE SERVICE	163.60
VAN RYSWYK P&H	HANDLE	3.66
VANDE WALL METAL	DRAG REPAIRS	141.25
VEENSTRA & KIMM	ENGINEERING/PERMITS	4310.50
WAL-MART	SUPPLIES	55.39
WAL-MART	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	355.89
WP BARBER LUMBER	MATERIALS FOR SHELTER/SUPPLIES	1453.12
MONROE POSTMASTER	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION	92.00
NSF CHARGES		103.94
BANK CHARGES		10.00
TOTAL SEPTEMBER EXPENSE:		\$ 110,118.98
TOTAL SEPTEMBER REVENUE:		\$ 196,520.57

TOTAL REVENUE:	
GENERAL	63632.17
ROAD USE	26549.89
SPECIAL REVENUE	26824.71
CAPITAL PROJECT	1455.83
ENTERPRISE	50237.81
FIDUCIARY	26015.61
DEBT SERVICE	1804.55
TOTAL:	\$196,520.57

TOTAL EXPENSE:	
GENERAL	60166.03
ROAD USE	6987.72

SPECIAL REVENUE	10228.05
CAPITAL PROJECT	0.00
ENTERPRISE	31698.53
FIDUCIARY	1038.65
DEBT SERVICE	0.00
TOTAL:	\$110,118.98