

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session at 6:00 P.M.

Aldermen Present: Greg Smith, Mark Greening, Roch Buckman, Michael Purol and Tyler Wheeler

Aldermen Absent: Gerry Quinn

Others Present: Jackie Pangborn, Kevin O'Bryan, Darren Freidank, Jason Taylor, Rich Enochs, Zach James, Jack Grove, Nathan Smith, Terry Gibbs, Kerry Lee, Larry Howerter, Marci Howerter, Welton Hood, Carroll Hood, Lynelle O'Bryan, Ron Williams, Kelly Williams, Cathy McAfee, Jason Osbourne, Kay Spalding, Joan Benson, Dan Mudd, John Long and Michael Williams

Mayor Minor called the meeting to order.

Mayor Minor asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Minor presented a plaque to Larry Howerter commemorating his 16 years of service to the City of Monroe City. Larry Howerter was the Water & Sewer Plants' manager and retired on December 31, 2015.

Mayor Minor presented a plaque to Carroll Hood commemorating her 50 years of service to the City of Monroe City as the City Librarian. Carroll Hood is still working in this capacity.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the consent agenda. Alderman Wheeler motioned to approve the consent agenda; Alderman Greening seconded it, with all in favor.

Mayor Minor opened the floor for open forum. Jack Grove had presented the Board of Aldermen with information regarding enforcing the "No Parking" restriction in the 600 block of South Main Street by Holy Rosary School. Mayor Minor said that he discussed this issue with City Attorney John Wilcox who in turn discussed it with Darren Freidank. Attorney Wilcox told him that even if the Police Department issued tickets for parking violations in this area he would not prosecute the offenders. The problem is going to resolve itself in 5 months when Holy Rosary School at this site will close permanently. In the interim he recommended that the MoDOT "No Parking" signs in this area be removed. Jackie Pangborn will contact MoDOT to have them take out the signs.

Gary Luck of Luck, Humphreys & Associates presented the 2014-15 audit to the Board of Aldermen. He said that Monroe City continues to have a strong equity position in both the enterprise funds and the general funds. Mayor Minor said that the utilities are just breaking even. He asked if it was a problem with the City not putting away money for future repairs. Gary Luck said that the City's rate structure is covering the historic depreciation which is generating funds to pay for future

repairs. Gary Luck concluded by stating that the City had a good financial year. John Long said that he still has asphalt in his yard from the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. There is also a culvert north of his property that has been cut and is restricting water flow. Mayor Minor said that K & N Excavating will be returning to Monroe City in the spring to do the restoration work. John Long's concerns will be on their list of areas to address. Kevin O'Bryan said that he will inspect the culvert John Long was referring to and see if he can address the problem.

Kevin O'Bryan presented the Director of Public Works' report to the Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the following bids for a transformer for the new Dollar General Store:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
T & R Electric Supply	\$5,108.00	Rebuilt – 4 – 6 week delivery
Solomon Corporation	\$5,210.00	Rebuilt – 3 – 4 delivery
B & B Transformer	\$6,395.00	Rebuilt – 2 – 4 week delivery
Cape Electric Supply	\$6,774.75	Rebuilt – 2 – 3 week delivery
Utility Transformer Brokers	\$7,436.00	Rebuilt – 4 – 5 week delivery
French Gerleman	\$7,228.72	Rebuilt – 3 – 4 week delivery
Fletcher Reinhardt	\$8,318.00	New – 12-14 week delivery

Kerry Lee recommended that the bid from T & R Electric Supply in the amount of \$5,108.00 be accepted. After review and discussion, Alderman Greening motion to accept the bid from T & R Electric Supply in the amount of \$5,108.00; Alderman Wheeler seconded it, with all in favor.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed bid specifications for farming the undeveloped property in the Ralls County Industrial Park. Mayor Minor said that there needs to be some stipulation in the specifications that would allow the City to sell a parcel of this property to a business who wanted to build prior to the end of the lease period. After further discussion, the matter was tabled until the January 21, 2016 meeting in order to allow sufficient time to modify the bid specifications.

Rich Enochs invited the Board of Aldermen and City personnel to the Fire Department Dinner to be held at 6:00 pm, January 9, 2016 at the Nutrition Center.

Rich Enochs said that he is sending two firefighters to Winter Fire School in Columbia, Missouri.

Jackie Pangborn presented the Director of Administration's report to the Board of

Aldermen. She said that Lakeside Casting presented a utility incentive credit program benefit application to the City. They have created 9 new jobs from October 2012 to October 2015 which would be a total incentive of \$2,700.00. Alderman Smith motioned to approve this incentive in the amount of \$2,700.00 to Lakeside Casting; Alderman Purol seconded it, with all in favor except Alderman Buckman who abstained.

Alderman Smith motioned to adjourn the open session and go into executive session authorized by RSMO 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees and by RSMO 610.021 (1) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys; Alderman Purol seconded it, with the vote as follows:

Greg Smith	Yea	Michael Purol	Yea
Mark Greening	Yea	Tyler Wheeler.....	Yea
Roch Buckman.....	Yea	Gerry Quinn.....	Absent

After the adjournment of the executive session, the open session was reconvened.

Alderman Wheeler motioned to ratify the decision made in executive session to hire Austin Snow as a Police Officer at a starting salary of \$14.00 per hour; Alderman Smith seconded it, with all in favor.

Alderman Purol motioned to ratify the decision made in executive session to solicit applications for a general laborer for the Water & Sewer Plants; Alderman Wheeler seconded it, with all in favor.

Alderman Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Greening seconded it, with all in favor.

Neal Minor, Mayor

Gary Osbourne, City Clerk