

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

Aldermen Present: Mark Greening, Roch Buckman, Tyler Wheeler, Michael Purol and Gary Thompson

Aldermen Absent: Greg Smith

Others Present: Jackie Pangborn, Nathan Smith, John Albright, Mike Schneider, Steve McDowell, Kevin O'Bryan, Verbal Blakey, David Hays, Dick Minor, Steve McGregor, Jennifer Hays and John Wilcox

Mayor Minor called the meeting to order.

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

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

Mayor Minor opened the floor for open forum.

David Hays requested that South Locust Street from West Cleveland Street to Mill Street be made a one way street going south. The Board discussed the issue of making it one way only when school is in session. They also expressed concern that Second Baptist Church would have problems with this street being one way. After discussion, Alderman Wheeler motioned to make South Locust Street from West Cleveland Street to Mill Street one way going south; Alderman Purol seconded it, with all in favor. Mayor Minor said that he will contact Second Baptist Church about this matter. David Hays requested that the City continue to have a crossing guard at South Main and Mill Street.

Alderman Smith joined the meeting.

Jennifer Hays said that Monroe City R-1 will be having a 125th Anniversary 5 K Run on September 10, 2016. The route will start at the new football field, go to East Border Street, turn left on Second Street, then turn right on County Line Road, then right on Park Street, then right on East Border Street, then back to the football field. She has spoken with Chief Albright about this and requested extra officers to provide traffic control. Alderman Purol motioned to authorize this route; Alderman Greening seconded it, with all in favor.

Steve McGregor and Dick Minor of Trust GDC presented Jackie Pangborn and Kevin O'Bryan with a Hall of Fame award for having very low workers' compensation claims from April 2012 through March 2015.

The Board of Aldermen discussed the progress being made at the Water Plant to bring the water into compliance so that the boil order can be lifted. Mayor Minor said

that the intake valve at Route J. has been changed so that water can be brought into the Water Plant that does not have manganese. Steve McDowell said that the problem now is that the final filter is inundated with manganese. The City cannot backwash these filter with sufficient volume because the lagoons on the east side of the plant are full. When they backwash, water flows back into the basement of the plant. The City has hired a company to pump out the lagoons. The City has also hired a company to replace the filter media that is currently inundated with manganese and to replace the underdrains at the Water Plant. After this is completed, the hydrants will be flushed. If the back tee samples come back good, DNR will allow the City to lift the boil order. If all goes well he anticipates that the boil order could be lifted by the middle of August. Steve McDowell recommended that the lagoons be pumped out every other year so that sufficient water volume will be available to properly backwash the filters.

Mayor Minor said that the City had to raise the sewer rates in order to satisfy requirements from USDA to insure that the City had sufficient funds to operate the sewer system, pay the debt service and build up a reserve. For the past several years, the water rates and the sewer rates were the same. The City agreed to raise the water rates to match the sewer rates so that additional funds will be generated to pay for all of the expenses incurred addressing the Water Plant issues.

Verbal Blakey of BHMG Engineers said that her company was hired to look at the City's electric rates after the City's largest industrial customer asked the City for an electric rate decrease so that they could be more competitive. She said that the study revealed problems with the City's Electric Department. The Electric Department has been losing money. The fund balance is about \$500,000. The annual expenses are about \$4,500,000. The Electric Department needs to have a fund balance of between 50% and 100% of the expenses. She said that the City needs to have at least a \$1,000,000 fund balance in the Electric Department. If the City has a disaster and does not receive FEMA assistance, the City will have to have to pay for outside help from their own funds. She presented spreadsheets and audit information concerning the financial condition of the Electric Department. She said that the Board of Aldermen needs to give her a target for the electric rates. Does the Board want to break even or do they want generate additional funds for reserves. Mayor Minor said that this matter needs to be discussed by a smaller group. He asked that Aldermen Greening, Purol and Buckman meet with him along with Jackie Pangborn and Gary Osbourne at 6:00 pm, August 16, 2016 to discuss this issue in detail. Verbal Blakey said that she will be available by telephone to answer any questions.

Alderman Purol left the meeting.

Alderman Buckman updated the Board of Aldermen on the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting held earlier in the evening. The Commission reviewed a site plan filed by Heimer Construction Company for a 20' X 30' building to be erected for Aspeq Holding west of their plant. The Commission recommends that this site plan

be approved and that all of the other details of this project be worked out between the owner and the City; Alderman Wheeler seconded it, with all in favor.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the report from Kevin O'Bryan, Director of Public Works.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed a bid from Compass Minerals America, Inc. in the amount of \$80.76 per ton for rock salt for 2016-2017 Winter. The bid is for 100 tons, but the City is not obligated to buy all 100 tons if not needed. After discussion, Alderman Greening motioned to accept the bid from Compass Minerals America, Inc. in the amount of \$80.76 per ton for up to 100 tons; Alderman Buckman seconded it, with all in favor.

Kevin O'Bryan said that street paving will begin on Monday.

Alderman Greening asked the Board if they made any decision on making the intersection of Second and Capelle Street a 4-way stop. After discussion, Alderman Greening motioned to make this intersection a 4-way stop; Alderman Wheeler seconded it, with all in favor. The Board asked that the signs be put up before school starts.

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

- She presented a revised agreement with Molly McGovern Consulting to complete the site certification for the land east of Aspeq Holding for \$2,500.00. Alderman Buckman motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement on behalf of the City; Alderman Smith seconded it, with all in favor.
- She has sent a letter to DNR telling them how water customers were notified about the recent boil order.
- Pumping of the lagoons at the Water Plant will be done later this week or over the weekend at an estimated cost of \$10,000. The filter bed project will be started next week with the removal of the old and installation of the new at an estimated cost of \$84,000.00. The cost for repairing the pipe that has been broken off in the clearwell is \$7,153.00. Alderman Wheeler motioned to authorize this work to be done at the Water Plant; Alderman Smith seconded it, with all in favor.
- The City needs to re-appoint or newly appoint members to the Economic Enterprise Zone Board. Mayor Minor asked the Board members to give him name of people who would be interested in serving.

Mayor Minor said that in conjunction with the Monroe City R-1 125th year anniversary, Black Tie is going to play on South Vine Street in front of the Dugout Lounge on September 10, 2016. They have requested that South Vine Street be closed for this event from West Dover Street to the alley north of the Dugout Lounge

from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am. Alderman motioned to close that portion of South Vine Street as requested; Alderman Thompson seconded it, with all in favor.

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 Wheeler seconded it, with the vote as follows:

Greg Smith.....	Yea	Michael Purol	Absent
Mark Greening	Yea	Tyler Wheeler.....	Yea
Roch Buckman.....	Yea	Gary Thompson	Yea

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

Alderman Wheeler motioned to ratify the decisions made in executive session to promote Mike Newbold to full time Police Officer at a starting salary of \$14.00 per hour and to grant Brian Lewis permanent status and give him a \$.30 per hour raise effective with the next pay period; Alderman Thompson seconded it, with all in favor.

Alderman Buckman motioned to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Thompson seconded it, with all in favor.

Neal Minor, Mayor

Gary Osbourne, City Clerk