



Are you interested in a Mayor or Council Position in Monroe?

To many the role of mayor or council member may seem simple – go to a meeting, vote and go home. However, the reality of policy leadership is more complex, challenging and interesting. In fact, the roles of mayor or council are multi-faceted, fluid and at times can be situational. The many roles that policy leaders assume all require various skills and may rely on a variety of strategies and methods. Also, there are general components of leadership such as communication or representation that are part of nearly all situations or roles.

Monroe's government is made up of a Mayor and 5 Council Members. The Mayor is elected for a 2 year term and Council persons serve 4 year terms. There are no wards in Monroe, just a general election. Any resident over 18 can vote, if they are registered and live in Monroe.

The City Council acts as the official policy making body of the City, adopting all ordinances, resolutions and approving contracts required by the City. The Council analyzes proposals to meet community needs, initiates action for new programs and determines the ability of the City to provide financing for City operations. The Council also reviews, modifies, and approves the annual budget. Additionally, the Council performs other miscellaneous duties, including appointments to various boards and commissions and responds to community groups and individual constituents. Each Council member is assigned to a city department.

Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Council work sessions may be held as needed. Work sessions are informational only; no final decisions are made at these sessions. Special meetings may be called by the Mayor, Council member or City Administrator as needed. In addition to the meetings, you should allow time for other duties; such as out of town meetings, phone calls and conversing with citizens at local events. Over the winter months the Mayor and Council will spend several hours in meetings during the budget planning process. Iowa law now requires training for all newly elected and appointed officials as of July 1, 2025.

Compensation for council members is \$50.00 per meeting. The mayor receives a salary of \$2,500.00 per year. Payroll for the Mayor and Council is done on a quarterly basis.

The nomination papers require at least 10 signatures of Monroe residents. The following seats are up for election: Mayor Duinink, Council members for a four year term are – Andrea Steenhoek, Jennifer St. Peter and Jeff Shannon (by appointment).

The filing period for candidates begins **August 25, 2025, and ends September 18, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m. For questions and nomination papers you can stop by the Monroe City Hall or go to the Secretary of State website at

<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidateselectioninfo/cityelections.html>.