

October 3, 2016

A special meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Duinink at 7:30 p.m. at the Monroe City Hall on October 3, 2016. Roll Call was taken, present – Bradbury, Goemaat, Hegwood, Nickelson, Hansen, absent - none. Matt Mardesen, City Administrator & Economic Development Director; Kim Thomas, City Clerk; and Nicholas Chambers, Monroe Police Chief; were in attendance. Mayor Duinink announced the meeting was being recorded.

Council Member Bradbury moved and was seconded by Council Member Hansen to approve RESOLUTION NO. 28-2016. A resolution approving the change of date for the October 2016 council meeting. The date was moved from October 10<sup>th</sup> to October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Nickelson moved and was seconded by Hansen to approve the Southside Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for 104 S Commerce Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Hansen moved and was seconded by Bradbury to enter into closed session at 7:35 p.m. under Iowa Code 21.5 (i) to conduct police department interviews. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Goemaat moved and was seconded by Bradbury to exit closed session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Discussion – Chief Chambers would like to hire 2 individuals for the MPD if possible. By having 4 full time officers the city would have 24/7 coverage. Over the past 5 years the police department has been short staffed and it's extremely hard to find part time help. Full time officers get burned out and that causes them to look for employment elsewhere. Chambers stated since he has been Chief that over the last couple years there has been a dramatic increase in calls, criminal charges filed, criminal investigations, arrests and traffic enforcement. Chambers provided the Council with sample 24/7 schedules that could be used if the Council decides hiring of a 4<sup>th</sup> officer would be possible. The Council agreed that the hiring of a 3<sup>rd</sup> full time officer would be put on the October 17<sup>th</sup> agenda and the discussion of a 4<sup>th</sup> officer would also be discussed in more detail after Matt, Kim and Nick discuss budget figures.

Hansen moved and was seconded by Goemaat to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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Douglas P. Duinink, Mayor

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Kim K. Thomas, City Clerk