

April 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order on April 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Duinink at the Monroe City Hall. Roll call was taken, present – Bradbury, McCray, Steenhoek, Hegwood, St. Peter. Kim Thomas, City Clerk; Jeff Timmins, Public Works Director; and Nick Chambers, Police Chief; were in attendance.

Visitors at the meeting were: Judy Neff, Brenda Lanser, Cindy De Prenger, Clint Price, Mary Sellers, Jeff Davidson, June Hjortshoj, Ivan Young, Jacob Woody, Brady North, Caden Lewis, Ellie Steenhoek, Carol Diekema, Larry Diekema, Karsin Jenkins, Noah Anderson, Amaya Hartson, Emily Klein, Kailee Lisk, Amber Meyer, Tyler Peters, Delmar Johnson, Cathy De Haai, Stacie McCoy, RT & Donna Thomason, Madison Foster, Madeline Mitchell, Sidney Metzger, Al Vander Linden, Olivia Lippman, Kinsey Phipps, Kenzie Johnson, Jessica Jacobs, Regan Olson, Matt Ranch, Seth Shannon, Matt & Jenny Van Gelder.

Council Member Hegwood moved and was seconded by Council Member Bradbury to approve the consent agenda. Items on the agenda included the clerk and treasurer's report and bills and minutes from the March meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee & Board Reports – Director Timmins gave a brief update on the public works department, which has been busy filling potholes, fixing a water main break, working with the PCM High School and Dollar General. There were no police or fire to report.

Cathy De Haai and Stacie Mc Coy both on the Friends of the Library Board were in attendance and gave the presentation on the building expansion for the Monroe Public Library. The board is just asking for council support to proceed with fundraising efforts. The current library is lacking space for programs and community events. The current plan presented consists of a 3000 square foot addition and would be added to the back of the existing building. This would be available for use without the library having to be open. Rent would be charged for the use of the community room and kitchen area. A concern the council had was what would be done with the existing playground, if the expansion would take the place of the playground, which would have to be determined at a later date. De Haai stated that this proposal is a 5-year plan and that they are not asking for any funding from the city at this time. Bradbury moved and was seconded by Council Member Steenhoek to support the fundraising efforts of the Monroe Friends of the Library on the expansion to the Monroe Public Library. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Seth Shannon and Jeff Davidson were in attendance to bring the council up to speed on the bike trail and review the depot design plans Shannon has drawn up. The council had agreed at an earlier meeting that the design of the depot would mimic the old train depot years ago. Shannon stated the Monroe design is similar to the Bondurant Trailhead. Plans for the depot include 2 unisex heated restrooms, drinking fountains, a vaulted ceiling, concrete covered pad with 6 picnic tables, and a history wall. Bradbury suggested enclosing the picnic areas with walls or sectional pull down doors so people could rent the area for private showers, birthday parties, etc. and be able to stay warm and block the wind if necessary while the trail is not being used. Davidson stated that Hometown Pride is not asking for any money at this time but rather support. Davidson stated that both the library expansion and the trailhead would be great assets to the Monroe community. Davidson was excited to announce that the first phase of the bike trail would take place late this fall and that the 8.5 mile project would connect Monroe to the Wild Life Refuge entrance on the outskirts of Prairie City. Money for this project was secured by state and federal grant funds, which will be continued to be applied for until the entire project is complete. Monroe, Prairie City and Jasper County Conversation have each agreed to give \$20,000.00 to the project. The ultimate goal is eventually to have the Red Rock Prairie Trail hook onto the Chichaqua Valley Trail, which in turn, would have great economic benefits to the city. Davidson feels confident that the Red Rock Prairie Trail will be toward the top of the list for grant funding proceeds. If the entire funding is not received through grant funds, the plan would be to pave a portion of the trail for both cities with book ends in the middle, until more funding is secured. Kathy Van Veen would like to see the trail from Monroe to Prairie City done before connecting loops such as the pond owned by Jasper County Conservation west of Monroe.

Chris Thomas, member of the Keep Iowa Beautiful Hometown Pride Committee; asked the council to continue to support the Keep Iowa Beautiful efforts and to continue to focus on improvements to Monroe. Jeff Davidson, Keep Iowa Beautiful Coach, asked Mayor Duinink to sign the proclamation for April as Keep Iowa Beautiful Month. Thomas stated that, if you need assistance with a project Jeff Davidson is a great asset when it comes to grant writing. Council Member McCray moved and was seconded by Bradbury to proclaim April as Keep Iowa Beautiful Month. Motion carried 5-0.

Hegwood moved and was seconded by McCray to table the sergeant position until the May meeting. Motion carried 5-0. There was no further discussion on the agenda item.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by Council Member St. Peter to set the budget amendment hearing for May 7th at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by McCray to hire 2 or 3 employees for seasonal help at \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Timmins asked the council to consider making West Lincoln Street to Hwy 14 no parking on both sides of the street. Hegwood moved and was seconded by Bradbury to make West Lincoln from B163 to Hwy 14 no parking on both sides of the street. Motion carried 5-0. This will be done in ordinance form starting in May 2018.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by Hegwood to approve RESOLUTION NO.11- 2018. A resolution to approve the sanitary sewer hookup request for parcel 2207003000 on County Line Road. The current parcel is owned by Green River Investments and is being sold. Properties to the east and west of the listed parcel have both already been granted permission to hook on to the sanitary sewer line on the north side of County Line Road. Motion carried 5-0.

Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Hegwood to approve RESOLUTION NO. 12-2018. A resolution approving budget transfers within the city of Monroe. Motion carried 5-0.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by Steenhoek to approve the 3rd and final reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, IOWA, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 4 AND 5 OF CHAPTER 63. Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Monroe, Iowa. SECTION 1. The speed limit on a portion of Business Highway 163 to Highway 14 (designated as special 35 MPH speed zone), is amended by deleting the existing 4.A. and substituting the following: " 4. A. Business Highway 163 from the west city limits to Highway 14." SECTION 2. The speed limit on a portion of the streets within the city limits (designated as special 45 MPH speed zone), is amended by deleting the existing 5.A. in its entirety and re-alphabetizing the remaining subsections as A, B, C and D. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication by law. Passed by the Monroe City Council on April 9th, 2018. ORDINANCE NO. 283. Signed: Douglas P. Duinink, Mayor and attested by: Kim K. Thomas, City Clerk.

Hegwood moved and was seconded by Bradbury to set the public hearing for the violation of selling tobacco to a minor for Casey's General Store located at 509 S. Monroe Street for May 7th at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum – Clint Price was very upset about people allowing their dogs in the cemetery. On more than one occasion, he has found waste on his family grave sites. Clint is requesting something be done about animals running at large and being allowed to leave waste in the cemetery. The council agreed with Mr. Price and will amend the ordinance to no longer allow pets in the cemetery. The council discussed amending the animal ordinance by adding a subsection on animal waste in city parks. Carol Diekema mentioned that years ago the city funded two projects at the same time and both went very well, assuming she was talking about the library and trailhead presentations earlier in the evening.

Bradbury moved and was seconded by Hegwood to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. A full copy of minutes may be found at the Monroe City Hall or www.MonroelA.com.

Douglas P. Duinink, Mayor

Kim K. Thomas, City Clerk

March 2018 Bills

SALARIES	NET	25863.72
EFTPS	FEDERAL TAX	8505.97
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WITHHOLDING/SALES	3617.00
IPERS	POLICE/REGULAR	5658.47
CITY OF MONROE	HEALTH INS/GARNISHMENT	1964.01
COLLECTION SERVICE CENTER	GARNISHMENT	633.30
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	198.34

WINDSTREAM	PHONE	72.50
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	4008.75
MONROE POSTMASTER	STAMPS/MAILING	226.24
UNITED HEALTHCARE	HEALTH INSURANCE	6512.96
VERIZON	PHONE/INTERNET	505.09
IOWA RURAL WATER	VISION	85.85
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE	441.72
AIRGAS	OXYGEN	60.00
CALDWELL BRIERLY CHALUPA NUZUM	LEGAL SERVICES	2126.00
CASEY'S	GAS	1434.51
CITY OF ALTOONA	MOSQUITO SPRAYING 2017	2400.00
DATA TECHNOLOGIES	TRAINING	170.00
EMP EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	601.63
HEWITTS	BATTERY/CABLE/LUG/OIL CHANGE/STRAP	336.79
IA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DUES	672.59
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	60.73
JEREMY BEHUN	MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	6.88
KAL SERVICES	SANITATION CONTRACT	13586.72
KEYSTONE LAB	TESTING	732.00
KIM THOMAS	MILEAGE	53.96
MARCO INC	COPIER USAGE	69.37
MENNINGA PEST CONTROL	AIR CARE/SPRAYING	165.00
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	167.80
MONROE FOODS	SUPPLIES	11.84
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	REPAIR CLAMP	280.55
NEWTON DAILY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	250.94
PIPER JAFFRAY INC	DISSEMINATION AGENT FILING	1000.00
PCS COMPUTER SERVICES	LABOR TECH	71.25
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER	35.98
SAFETY COALITION OF CENTRAL IA	DUES	100.00
SAM MUNSON	MILEAGE	688.73
SHRED IT	SERVICE	113.11
STOREY KENWORTHY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	503.30
TWO RIVERS	DIESEL	1363.97
VEENSTRA & KIMM	INSPECTIONS/PERMITS/ENGINEERING	22644.30
WAL-MART	SUPPLIES	67.24
WP BARBER LUMBER	GLOVES/ICE MELT/2X4X8	29.61
NEWTON WATERWORKS	TRAINING	120.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	LIBRARY SUPPLIES/EXPENSE/CHARGER/MISC.	885.38
BRENDA LANSER	MILEAGE	41.42
MEDIACOM	PD INTERNET	75.94
MONROE POSTMASTER	STAMPS	400.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE SERVICE	163.84
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	518.65
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	86.88
DEMCO	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	189.42
GUIDEPOSTS	BOOKS	33.00
IMFOA	DUES	50.00
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	185.86
WAL-MART	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	279.08
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT INC	MOWER	4736.18
LEIGHTON STATE BANK	NSF BANK FEES	30.00
VAN GORP EDWARDS INS	INSURANCE	75422.00
METLIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	27.18
VOIDED CHECKS		-75.00
TOTAL MARCH EXPENSES		\$ 191,268.55
TOTAL MARCH REVENUES		\$ 155,045.32

TOTAL REVENUE:	
GENERAL	63711.29
ROAD USE	16297.54
SPECIAL REVENUE	27407.43
CAPITAL PROJECT	472.13
ENTERPRISE	46589.96
FIDUCIARY	69.14
DEBT SERVICE	497.83
TOTAL:	\$ 155,045.32

TOTAL EXPENSE:	
GENERAL	80327.13
ROAD USE	12202.16
SPECIAL REVENUE	34648.40
CAPITAL PROJECT	0.00
ENTERPRISE	58565.82
FIDUCIARY	5525.04
DEBT SERVICE	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 191,268.55