

September 9, 2020

A special meeting was called to order by Mayor Duinink on September 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Monroe City Hall. The purpose of the special meeting was to interview Adam Choat for the School Resource Officer position. Council Members present were: Goemaat, McCoy, and Steenhoek; absent were St. Peter and Wilson. City Clerk Kim Thomas and Police Chief Nicholas Chambers were in attendance. Steve Nearmyer, President of the PCM School Board, was the only visitor present.

Adam talked about his years in law enforcement and his work as the School Resource Officer for Southeast Polk Schools. Council Member Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Council Member Goemaat to hire Adam Choat for the PCM School Resource Officer position, a 4-year contracted position with the City of Monroe and salary of \$64,000 annually. Motion carried 3-0. Council Member McCoy moved and was seconded by Goemaat to allow Officer Choat to drive a City of Monroe owned vehicle to and from work. Motion carried 3-0.

Steenhoek moved and was seconded by McCoy to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

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Douglas P. Duinink, Mayor

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Kim K. Thomas, City Clerk

September 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Duinink on September 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe City Hall. Roll call was taken, ayes – Goemaat, McCoy, Steenhoek, St. Peter and Wilson. Mayor Duinink announced that meeting was being recorded. City employees in attendance were: Kim Thomas, Marc Van Wyk, Nicholas Chambers, Andrea Lanphier, and Jamie Hofer.

Visitors at the meeting were: Erik Thomas, Kasandra Lynch, Jamee Pierson, and Jenny Edwards.

Council Member Goemaat moved and was seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the consent agenda. Items on the agenda included the bills and minutes from the August meeting, the Class C annual license and outdoor service request for the Southside Bar and Grill at 104 S. Commerce Street, and the clerk and treasurer's report. Motion carried 5-0.

Erik Thomas and Sean Wilson both spoke on behalf of the MFD. Talks continue on a new attack truck with the committee looking at options and 3 new members have started EMT classes at Mercy. Public Works Director Van Wyk stated that the supplies for the sewer lagoon roof have been ordered, seal coating of roads will be done this week, and that one of the seasonal employees is still working 2 to 3 times a week. There was nothing reported from Chief Chambers.

Council Member Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Council Member St. Peter to approve RESOLUTION NO. 34-2020. A resolution allowing for the transfer of funds within the City of Monroe, Iowa. Motion carried 5-0.

Goemaat moved and was seconded by Council Member McCoy to approve RESOLUTION NO. 35-2020. A resolution approving the Street Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Steenhoek moved and was seconded by McCoy to approve RESOLUTION NO. 36-2020. A resolution requesting reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. Motion carried 5-0.

Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Goemaat to approve RESOLUTION NO. 37-2020. A resolution approving the hiring of a PCM School Resource Officer for the City of Monroe, Iowa. Motion carried 5-0.

McCoy moved and was seconded by St. Peter to approve RESOLUTION NO. 38-2020. A resolution to approve 28E agreement to provide for a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. Motion carried 5-0.

St. Peter moved and was seconded by Steenhoek to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, IOWA, BY ADDING SUBSECTION 152.04 TO CHAPTER 152. This ordinance is adding a publication notice for nuisance abatement purposes. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Wilson reported that there continues to be issues with parking in front of the Southside Bar & Grill. Wilson stated that he has been told of verbal threats being directed to the Southside Bar & Grill.

Kasandra Lynch was in attendance to ask permission for road closings on Marion and Commerce Streets located on the city square for October 17<sup>th</sup> for the PTA Trunk or Treat event. Steenhoek moved and was seconded by St. Peter to approve the request from the Monroe PTA to have a Trunk or Treat event on October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 5 p.m., on the city square. Lynch would like the closing to be from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. The council also agreed that Carol Diekema could bring her goats to the event. Another PTA sponsored event this fall/winter will include a decorated tree fundraiser. Details are still in the works. Steenhoek mentioned working with the Old Settlers Committee for the event. McCoy moved and was seconded by Goemaat to approve the PTA decorated tree fundraiser on the square, with date and more information to follow. Motion carried 5-0.

Gale Perrin asked to be on the agenda but was not in attendance.

Chief Chambers would like to see the pay for officer Brandon Blom increased from \$21.50 to \$24.00 per hour. Finding officers to work is a huge concern not only for Monroe but everywhere and with the lack of full-time staff it is extremely hard to find. Currently our part-time officers are making \$21.50 per hour but other

communities are paying \$25.00. Chief Chambers would like to see part-time officers working for Monroe at \$25.00. The only benefit part-time officers receive is Ipers. Steenhoek moved and was seconded by Goemaat to increase Brandon Bloms hourly wage from \$21.50 to \$24.00 per hour effective immediately and increase part-time police officer wages from \$21.50 to \$25.00 per hour to stay competitive with other surrounding communities. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Wilson moved and was seconded by McCoy to tentatively set trick or treat night for October 31, 2020, from 5-7 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Forum – Items discussed were lighting on Cemetery Road and Taylor Street. The city plans to look into lighting options available. Steenhoek mentioned correspondence to an email sent to a resident who was unhappy about their water being shut off for non-payment. Chief Chambers gave an update on the hiring of another full-time officer. Chambers was going to reach out to the individual to set up an interview.

Wilson moved and was seconded by Goemaat to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. A full copy of minutes can be seen at [www.MonroeLA.com](http://www.MonroeLA.com) or at the Monroe City Hall.

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#### August 2020 Bills

SALARIES	NET	24271.74
EFTPS	FEDERAL TAX	8342.64
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	WITHHOLDING/SALES	3329.00
IPERS	POLICE/REGULAR	5156.33
CITY OF MONROE	HEALTH INS/GARNISHMENT	1079.16
RURAL WATER	VISION INSURANCE	79.10
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE	351.26
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	75.83
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	143.44
MONROE POSTMASTER	AUGUST BILLING	237.41
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY	30.00
UNITED HEALTHCARE	HEALTH INSURANCE	4721.90
VERIZON	PHONE/INTERNET	508.98
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	LIBRARY SUPPLIES/SUBSCRIPTIONS/PD CHAIR/INK	975.34
WAL-MART	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	325.20
TASTE OF HOME	SUBSCRIPTION	14.98
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	385.42
NEWTON DAILY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	278.63
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	SUBSCRIPTION	48.00
MIDWEST LIVING	SUBSCRIPTION	14.00
GUIDEPOSTS	BOOKS/SUBSCRIPTION	69.72
FAMILY HANDYMAN	SUBSCRIPTION	20.00
EATING WELL	SUBSCRIPTION	10.00
DEMCO	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	221.07
CENTERPOINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	131.22
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	431.17
AIRGAS	CYL OXYGEN	8.06
ANDREA LANPHIER	MILEAGE	14.73
BITUMINOUS	TANK OIL	365.11
CALDWELL, BRIERLY, CHALUPA, PLLC	LEGAL SERVICES	1933.00
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	GAS	1278.80
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC	PAYMENT/PRINCIPAL/INTEREST	16022.88
CORSON CEMETERY RESTORATION	200 STONES/LABOR	7500.00
FARVER TRUE VALUE	BLADES/PAINT/MISC.	103.43
FORBES OFFICE EQUIPMENT	FILE FOLDERS	32.44
HEWITT'S SERVICE CENTER	FILTERS/HAULING FEE	291.68
IDALS	ANNUAL WELFARE LICENSING	75.00
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS	MEMBERSHIP	195.00

IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	NPDES PERMIT	210.00
IOWA INTERACTIVE	ACH RETURN/DONATION BILL BACK	9.67
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	30.60
JACOBS ELECTRIC	REPAIRS/SHIPPING	216.88
JASPER COUNTY SPEED SHOP	BATTERY/HEADLIGHT/BULB	288.53
KAL SERVICES/MIDWEST SANITATION	SANITATION CONTRACT	13604.05
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES	TESTING	317.00
MARCO INC	COPIER USAGE	68.78
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	68.99
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	5550.64
MONROE ANIMAL CLINIC	SUPPLIES	6.02
MONROE FIRE DEPT	SERVICE RUNS	5000.00
MONROE MIRROR	BUSINESS CARDS	21.00
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FEE	5459.32
PARTSMASTER	CAPSCREW SIX SHOOTER/SAW	286.35
PRAIRIE AG SUPPLY	POWERFUEL	50.40
TWO RIVERS COOP	GAL MAD DOG	67.50
US CELLULAR	SERVICE	231.17
UTILITY SERVICE CO	QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE	3096.95
VAN RYSWYK P & H	FLAPPER	6.12
VAN WALL	MOWER REPAIR	1269.57
VANDEWALL METAL	REPAIR	85.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM ENGINEERING	ENGINEERING	5669.08
WAL-MART	SUPPLIES	88.24
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	IN CAR CAMERA	5319.70
MATT COFFIN	DEPOSIT REFUND	5.83
TAYLOR KOOKER	DEPOSIT REFUND	100.00
BRENDA LANSER	REIMBURSEMENT	127.33
MERCY MEDICAL	SUPPLIES	127.28
MIKE LAGERGREN	DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS	2355.00
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	GEAR/ALUM TANK	7289.18
AFLAC	EMPLOYEE PAID INSURANCE	38.04
VERIZON	PHONE/INTERNET	508.98
MEDIACOM	INTERNET	135.94
AUGUST TRANSFERS		33447.16
LEIGHTON STATE BANK	NSF FEES	25.00
AUGUST EXPENSE:		\$ 170,252.97
AUGUST REVENUE:		\$ 147,294.07

TOTAL REVENUE:	
GENERAL	22595.12
ROAD USE	19364.34
SPECIAL REVENUE	16620.22
CAPITAL PROJECT	289.45
ENTERPRISE	62411.11
FIDUCIARY	0.00
DEBT SERVICE	26013.83
TOTAL:	\$ 147,294.07

TOTAL EXPENSE:	
GENERAL	73569.09
ROAD USE	8195.93
SPECIAL REVENUE	32612.80
CAPITAL PROJECT	2083.00
ENTERPRISE	48641.24
FIDUCIARY	5150.91
DEBT SERVICE	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 170,252.97

