

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2013**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on February 19, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robert Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Goering, Cudaback, Williams, Kamp, Davis, Gamble, and Hanford.

Staff present: Brazel, Feilberg, Warthan, Nelson, Quenzer, Sax, Roberts, and Martinson.

Student Representative Harano was present.

City Attorney Zach Lell was also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

No citizens wished to address Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Gamble asked that Consent Agenda item #2A (*Bills*) be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Minutes**
 - A. February 5, 2013 Business Meeting**
 - B. February 12, 2013 Study Session**
- 2. Accounts Payable & Payroll**
 - B. Payroll: Checks #32186 – 32247, in the amount of \$1,096,09.67.**
- 3. Release Retainage/Main Street/Old Owen Road Water Main Pipe Bursting**
- 4. Resolution to Reject all Bids/Fuel Delivery Contract**

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to approve Consent Agenda items #1, #2B, #3, and #4. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

Councilperson Gamble recused himself from voting on Consent Agenda item #2A, since there is a bill from his employer; he departed Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- 2. Accounts Payable & Payroll**
 - A. Bills: Checks #83384 – 83422, in the amount of \$511,287.33.**

The motion was made by Councilperson Cudaback and seconded by

Councilperson Hanford, to approve Consent Agenda item #2A. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

Councilperson Gamble returned to Council Chambers at 7:06 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Non-Represented Employees Salary Review

City Administrator Brazel gave a brief introduction and then turned it over to Councilperson Williams, who gave a presentation explaining the past budget crisis that led to the cuts to non-represented employees' benefits and wages starting in 2010.

Council moved to New Business #2, due to technical difficulties, returning to NB #1 after that, and continuing with the presentation.

After discussion, Council consensus was to have the Council Finance Committee meet to discuss this item and bring it back to Council for consideration. The next Finance Committee meeting is March 5, 2013, at 5:45 p.m.

2. Presentation of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation and Set Date to Consider Eaglemont Preliminary Plat

Public Works Director Feilberg gave a brief introduction, explaining the Hearing Examiner's findings.

City Attorney Lell explained that this would be a quasi-judicial matter; Appearance of Fairness doctrine applies. He cautioned council to not have any ex parte communications. He explained the other requirements that they should be aware of prior to the decision.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Cudaback, to set the date of February 26, 2013, for closed record consideration of the hearing examiner's recommendation on Preliminary Plat/Planned Residential Development (PRD) PL201303. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

FINAL ACTION

1. Authorize Mayor to Sign Consultant Agreement with The Riley Group for Landfill Investigation

City Administrator Brazel gave a brief introduction, explaining that the Riley Group had made a proposal for all five phases of the project. The City had budgeted \$50,000. The Contract amount is \$80,000; however, staff would come back to Council if there is a need to go into Phases 4 & 5.

Mayor Zimmerman further explained that there is an interested party, who may not need to go beyond the first three phases. The report would also help the City, if they end up marketing the property.

PW Director Feilberg explained the types of testing that would be used.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Gamble and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Consultant Agreement with The Riley Group Inc. for Landfill Investigation. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

Mayor Zimmerman explained why the Social Media item was not on the agenda, as Council had anticipated.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilperson Goering reported on the Legislative Affairs Committee meeting and that Councilperson Davis was selected as chairperson.

Councilperson Cudaback would like social media on the agenda for February 26th. She also suggested that City of Monroe send delegations to the AWC Conference.

Councilperson Davis reported further on points from the Legislative Affairs (LA) Committee meeting: the Council meeting agenda would be changed to streamline (and no study sessions); Mayor or committee members can call committee meetings; change language to elect their own chair; also asked Council to appoint LA Committee to address social media issue.

Mayor Zimmerman commented that the change to the agenda will make a difference in how many items need to be changed on the Council Rules document.

Councilperson Goering would like to see the rule to vote to extend Council meetings past 8:00 & 10:00 p.m. taken out of the rules.

Councilperson Cudaback would like the whole Council to decide on social media policy.

Council consensus was to have Legislative Affairs Committee discuss the social media issues/policy and bring it to Council after that.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS

Mike Farrell reported that the Legion Post and Boy Scouts will be having a ceremony to retire flags February 26th.

PW Director Feilberg explained how Council can get their email messages in Microsoft Outlook, since the City migrated back to Outlook from Google.

Student Representative (SP) Haran asked about the landfill and the purpose of selling the property. Mayor Zimmerman explained the City's vision for the use of the property.

SP Harano reported that he wishes to meet with Councilperson Kamp before he reports back on the proposed Monroe High School painting project.

City Administrator Brazel reported on his discussion with the School District regarding the ball fields and other joint projects. The School District and City will each put resolutions together to present.

There was a report on additional artists who have been tapped for the music festival in September.

1. Draft Agenda/February 26, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for February 26, 2013.

A discussion regarding social media will be brought back on March 19th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need to go into two executive sessions for the purpose of discussing pricing of property in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 1(b) and pertaining to employee performance, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 1(g), as read into the record by City Attorney Lell. No action is anticipated.

1. **Executive Session: Pertaining to Pricing of Property**
2. **Executive Session: Pertaining to Employee Performance**

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:01 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED
MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 8:51 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Goering, to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:52 p.m.


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor