

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2013**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on August 20, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Councilperson absent: Cudaback

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Nelson, Gardner, Quenzer, and Martinson.

City Attorney Zach Lell was also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Chip Hodges, 123 E. Rivmont, Monroe, addressed Council on behalf of the Church of Our Saviour. After watering their “victory garden” for the hungry, they had a sewer bill that was larger than usual. They shouldn’t have to pay extra for sewer when the gardening water does not go into the sewer. He is asking for relief on the bill.

After discussion, it was determined that staff would look into options and this matter would come back to Council for further review.

May Hobodides, 15606 3rd Avenue NE, Duvall, addressed Council about her water bill that was charged for a vacant house she bought recently. She asked for relief on the bill.

Mayor Zimmerman stated that action would have to be taken at the direction of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes**
 - A. August 13, 2013 Study Session**
- 2. Accounts Payable & Payroll**
 - A. Payroll: Checks #32805 – #32866, in the amount of \$943,080.69.**
- 3. Ordinance Amending 2013 Budget/Employee Pay Structure/2nd & Final Reading**
- 4. Authorize Acceptance of Ecology Stormwater Grant: East Fremont Street Reconstruction Project**
- 5. Authorize Acceptance of Ecology Stormwater Grant: Lewis Street Combined Sewer Separation Project**

6. Authorize Acceptance of Ecology Stormwater Grant: North Blakeley Street Infiltration/Conveyance Project

The motion was made by Councilperson Hanford and seconded by Councilperson Davis, to approve the Consent Agenda. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Council Rules of Procedures Amendments

City Administrator gave a brief overview explaining that the amendments were intended to do away with rules that don't reflect Council's usual practice. He noted some of the changes that were made and already agreed to by Council.

Councilperson Davis explained that this was to streamline the process and change Study Sessions to Business meetings.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to adopt Resolution #2013/021 a resolution of the City of Monroe, Washington, repealing and replacing Council Rules of Procedure adopted by Resolution #2011/017. On vote,

Motion carried 6/0.

2. Traffic Calming Policy

Public Works Director Feilberg gave an overview explaining the usual process used in other cities for allowing speed humps. Their programs are currently suspended, due to budget constraints. He explained the costs and the requirements surrounding various types of speed humps; i.e., changes to the streets/streetscape.

After discussion, Council determined certain changes that they would like to see in the *Traffic Calming Policy*.

3. New Name for New East-West Street in Dennis Addition

Public Works Director Feilberg gave an overview explaining the history of changing the street name in the Dennis Addition. The original street name of "Johnson" still shows up on Google Maps.

After discussion, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Kamp, to rename 159th Street east of Park Lane to Johnson Street SE and change the house numbers as needed along the section of roadway to the "City Grid".

After discussion, Councilperson Goering amended his motion to make it Johnson Street only east of Alden Avenue. The seconder of the motion accepted the amendment

After further discussion, the motion was on the floor to change 159th Street east of

Alden Avenue to Johnson Street SE. On vote,

Motion carried 5/1.

Councilperson Gamble was opposed.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilperson Hanford stated that he is looking forward to the parade on Saturday.

Mayor Zimmerman reported that the item Economic Development Manager Sax had planned to bring back to Council didn't need to have a Council vote after all.

Chief Quenzer stated that, with the passing of the sales tax increase, they would like to start the process of looking for two new officers. He noted that the Fair starts on Thursday and the Parade will be on Saturday.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS

1. Draft Agenda/September 3, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for September 3, 2013.

Councilperson Williams requested that Council compensation be put on the Council Agenda for September 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pertaining to Potential Litigation

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 1(i), as stated for the record by City Attorney Lell. The executive session will last approximately 5 minutes, after which Council may take action in open session when they reconvene.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED

MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 8:45 p.m.

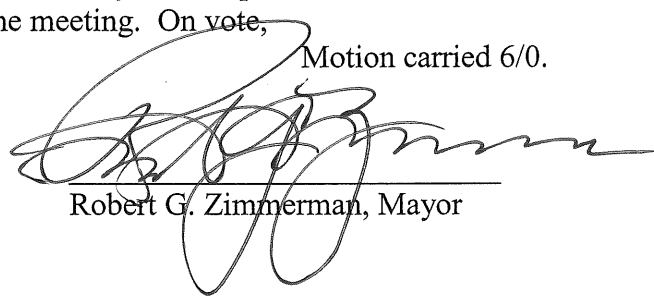
ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried 6/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 p.m.


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor