

**CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2013**

The Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was held on September 3, 2013, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

City Attorney Zach Lell was also present.

Attorney Scott Snyder was present to give a presentation.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilperson Davis entered Council Chambers at 7:01 p.m., after roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Providence Medical Center Presentation

Pat Richesin and Cherie Russom were representing Providence Medical Group. Ms. Richesin stated that the new building represents a \$22M investment and how it was designed to help deliver excellent service. There will be a Community open house, Saturday, September 28th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will open for patients on October 7th. Ms. Richardson acknowledged the staff members at City of Monroe who all helped to make the building a successful project.

2. Business License Regulations/Scott Snyder

Attorney Scott Snyder, Ogden Murphy Wallace, gave the background of the state business license laws. Legal reasons to deny a license are very few. The dilemma is what role the city should play in licensing marijuana businesses. He explained the options for the City. The middle of the road, which some cities are taking, is to permit what the state licensing permits and nothing more.

Mayor Zimmerman explained that he would be moving the two executive sessions out until after the Consent Agenda, to allow for citizens to address Council, if they wish.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

No citizens wished to address Council.

Mayor Zimmerman acknowledged a Boy Scout from Troop #38, who was in attendance and thanked him for attending the Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilpersons Gamble and Goering asked that Consent Agenda #3 be pulled.

1. **Minutes**
 - A. **August 20, 2013 Business Meeting**
2. **Accounts Payable & Payroll**
 - A. **Bills: Checks #84024 – #84105, in the amount of \$311,994.75.**
3. ~~Resolution Amending Interim Address and Street Name Master Plan~~ (Pulled from Consent Agenda. See below.)

The motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Kamp, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1 and #2. On vote,

Motion carried 7/0.

ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

3. **Resolution Amending Interim Address and Street Name Master Plan**

After a clarifying comment, the motion was made by Councilperson Goering and seconded by Councilperson Hanford, to adopt Resolution #2013/022 amending the Interim Address and Street Name Master Plan.

After further comments, the motion was on the floor to adopt the resolution. On vote,

Motion carried 5/2.

Councilpersons Cudaback and Gamble were opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Pertaining to Pricing of Property**

Mayor Zimmerman explained that there was a need to go into two executive session for the purpose of discussing the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease and to discuss potential litigation with legal counsel, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 1(c) and RCW 42.110 1(i). The executive sessions will last approximately 25 minutes, after which Council will take action in open session, as stated for the record by City Attorney Lell.

MEETING RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS EXTENDED

MEETING RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION: 8:27 p.m.

No action was taken by Council after the executive sessions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of Amending MMC 13.08.370 Sewer Rate Schedule**

Finance Director Nelson gave a brief overview explaining the possible alternative

to give relief to a non-profit customer who had complained about their high sewer bill, due to watering a garden. She outlined the cost to the City if the rate schedule was changed to allow the winter averaging of sewer rates for other classes of utility customers besides residential customers. One customer within a class of customers can't be treated differently from the others in the same class.

After discussion, it was determined that there would be no changes to the rate structure at this time. There will be a rate study next year and further discussion will take place after the study is completed.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilperson Goering was sorry to see the end of the Evergreen Fair. He noted that school starts this week. He is impressed with the new Providence Medical Center. He is looking forward to MusicFest on September 7th.

Mayor Zimmerman reported on the future opening of the RV dealership where the Ford dealer used to be located. The owners are very interested in the plans for the future RV park planned for the Cadman property.

Councilperson Williams enjoyed the Fair and found the traffic flow good, due to Monroe police directing traffic.

Councilperson Gamble reported that the Council Finance Committee had met and will discuss Council compensation with Council at the next meeting.

Councilperson Hanford enjoyed the Fair, too, and also feels that the City is looking great.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Parks & Recreation Director Farrell reported on MusicFest, stating that they expect a lot of people to purchase tickets at the gate. He noted that the planning of this event is a good example of the City staff working well together to make it happen.

Chief Quenzer thanked Council for participating in the Fair Days Parade. It was the best parade in his 11 years at the City. The City received a Certificate of Appreciation at the Chamber dinner. There were no problems coming from the Fair workers this year.

Public Works Director Feilberg reported that there was supposed to be good weather on Saturday (for MusicFest).

City Administrator Brazel reported that there will be a draft report from the Riley group on the Landfill project in the near future. He noted the many other projects being worked on in the City. The new City Clerk would be starting next week.

Mayor Zimmerman reported that he is signing closing documents on Walmart Wednesday. He wasn't able to make it to the parade, due to family emergency; but, had a lot of positive reports on it. Monroe Bearcats are anticipated to have a phenomenal season, as reported in newspapers. He noted that "Go Cards" are available to support the team. There will be a tailgate party at the football stadium. He also reported that he has received calls from people complimenting staff members.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Draft Agenda/September 10, 2013

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for September 10, 2013.

Mayor Zimmerman noted that he would be absent on September 17th; Mayor Pro-tempore Williams will facilitate the meeting in his absence.

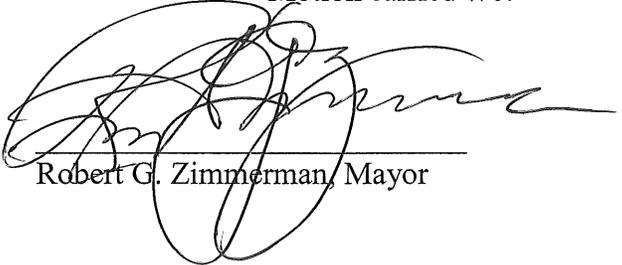
ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried 7/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:53 p.m.


Eadye Martinson, Deputy City Clerk


Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor