

CITY OF MONROE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Robert E. Clark

**II. ROLL CALL.**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Paula L. Whitman	Council Member	Excused	
John Iacoangeli	Council Member	Present	
Kellie M. Vining	Council Member	Present	
Michelle M. Germani	Council Member	Present	
Brian A. Lamour	Council Member	Present	
Andrew B. Felder	Council Member	Present	
Robert E. Clark	Mayor	Present	

**III. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer gave the invocation.

Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING.**

2508. Public Hearing - Public Act 425 Agreement with Frenchtown Charter Township

Matt Budds, City Attorney gave Council a brief overview of the Public Act 425 Agreement with Frenchtown Township prior to the opening of the Public Hearing.

This being the date set to review public comments on proposed Public Act 425 Agreement with Frenchtown Township. There being no comments on file in writing in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

There being no persons present and no comments on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

## **V. COMMUNICATION.**

2510. Meeting Report - Conversion of West Seventh and West Eighth to Two-Way Traffic

Karen Sergison, 612 W. Eighth Street explained why she could not attend the information meeting and stated that she opposes the conversion.

Curtis Fuqua, 311 W. Seventh Street stated that he is opposed to the conversation and would like speed bumps instead.

Edward Schwartz, 526 W. Seventh Street stated that he is opposed to the conversion.

Rosalynn Lauderdale, 318 W. Seventh Street stated that she is opposed to the conversion.

Linda Novak, 415 W. Seventh stated that she is opposed to the conversion.

Rebecca Fortner, 711 W. Seventh Street stated that she is opposed to the conversion.

Jason Getts, 614 W. Seventh Street stated that he is opposed to the conversion.

Council Member Iacoangeli suggested evaluating the conversion after one year. He stated that if it doesn't work then it can be changed back. He also discussed the conversion of Harrison and Cass to convert the entire neighborhood system.

Council Member Lamour suggested converting Front Street and First Street areas first so that the two way traffic can be tested downtown before residential neighborhoods are converted.

Council Member Vining stated that she did not believe that converting downtown streets would be a good comparison to residential streets.

Mayor Clark discussion the conversion and stated that he would like to see how the conversion affects the traffic flow after one year.

It was moved by Council Member Iacoangeli and supported by Council Member Vining to direct the administration to do a one year evaluation of Seventh and Eighth Street and to report back to Council in August of 2020.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Iacoangeli, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kellie M. Vining, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Iacoangeli, Vining, Germani, Lamour, Felder, Clark
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Paula L. Whitman

**VI. COUNCIL ACTION.**

2509. Adopt Public Act 425 Agreement with Frenchtown Charter Township

Move to adopt the resolution approving a Public Act 425 jurisdictional transfer agreement with Frenchtown Charter Township.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Iacoangeli, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian A. Lamour, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Iacoangeli, Vining, Germani, Lamour, Felder, Clark
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Paula L. Whitman

2504. Approval of FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Agreement

Mark Cochran gave Council background on the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project Grant Agreement.

Move to approve FEMA Pre-Mitigation Disaster grant agreement with the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division, authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents and agreements, and authorize the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director to amend the 2019-20 budget to include the grant.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian A. Lamour, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle M. Germani, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Iacoangeli, Vining, Germani, Lamour, Felder, Clark
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Paula L. Whitman

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andrew B. Felder, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian A. Lamour, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Iacoangeli, Vining, Germani, Lamour, Felder, Clark
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**A. Approval of Minutes.**

Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, July 15, 2019.  
Approval of Minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on Monday, July 29, 2019.

**B. Approval of payments to vendors in the amount of \$1,056,408.92.**

2511. AP Preliminary Report

**Action: Bills be allowed and warrants drawn on the various accounts for their payment.**

2500. Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting - September 25, 2019

Move that Mayor Clark be appointed as the official representative for the City and Vince Pastue be appointed as the alternate.

2501. Appointments to City Boards and Commissions

Move that the City Council approve the proposed Resolution making appointments to various City Boards and Commissions.

2505. Authorization of Purchase of 1026 East Front Street

Move to authorize the purchase of 1026 East Front Street for a not-to-exceed amount of \$19,000, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and agreements for this transaction.

2507. Public Safety Mobile Video and Body Cam Video Storage Solution

Move to authorize purchase of two network storage servers for the mobile video and body cam system in the amount of \$15,952, with the excepted vendor being TRAC3, and that a total of \$18,000 be approved for the project budget.

## 2506. Invoice Cloud Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment Agreement

Move to approve a two-year agreement with Invoice Cloud for an electronic bill presentment and payment system, that the current agreement with Point-N-Pay be cancelled on the next renewal date (December 11, 2019), and that the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director be authorized to sign all documents required to implement this change as proposed.

### **VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Council Member Iacoangeli asked about a Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. He specifically asked for a report on how many times the police department has been to 511 Godfroy. He stated that as part of the neighborhood revitalization program a Chronic Nuisance Ordinance should be looked into. He also spoke regarding a statement that Jeff Hensley made to the Monroe News when he announced his candidacy for Council and the fact that he took exception to the statement.

Council Member Vining stated that she also took exception to the statement made by Mr. Hensley to the Monroe News. She also thanked the City Manager, Chief McCormick, Captain Wall and Council Member Whitman for attending the informational meeting at the Navarre Library.

Council Member Germani commented on the fact that Nortel Lanes will not be rebuilt. She stated that while that is sad, she looks forward to what is possible for that property.

Council Member Lamour stated that he is glad to see the progress at the old La-Z-Boy site. He informed residents that the River Raisin Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday.

Council Member Felder commented on the agreement for electronic billing and is glad to see the fees will be reduced for residents. He informed residents there is a river clean-up on Saturday

### **IX. MAYOR'S COMMENTS.**

Mayor Clark commented on the new appointments to the various boards. He commented on a Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and he informed residents of the Art Fair and Jazz Festival that is taking place over the upcoming weekend.

### **X. CLERK TREASURER COMMENTS.**

Michelle J. LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer had no comments.

**XI. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.**

Vincent Pastue, City Manager informed Council there is a DDA River Walk Street Scapes Design Standards meeting scheduled for August 28th in the morning, the new statute regarding Downtown Development Authorities requires a semi-annual information meeting and that will be provide at the August 19th Work Session. He also informed Council that the Zoning Ordinance has been sent to the consultant, the ALCC subcommittee will meet on August 6th for a pre-meeting with interviews the following Tuesday, the JAZZ Festival is on track, Labor Park bids are due next Monday, an actuarial evaluation for retiree health care has been completed and the annual required contribution has been reduced by \$100,000 and that the retiree health is funded at approximately 92%, and that administration is working internally regarding performance measures and oversight of the City.

**XII. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Motion to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss pending litigation regarding 44 and 48 Monroe, LLC.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Iacoangeli, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brian A. Lamour, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Iacoangeli, Vining, Germani, Lamour, Felder, Clark
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Paula L. Whitman

Motion to reconvene to Open Session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brian A. Lamour, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michelle M. Germani, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Iacoangeli, Vining, Germani, Lamour, Felder, Clark
<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Paula L. Whitman

Motion to approve the Agreement with 44 Monroe, LLC & 48 Monroe, LLC.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Iacoangeli, Council Member
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**XIII. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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Michelle J. LaVoy  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Robert E. Clark  
Mayor