



Monroe City Utility Board
Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1:00 pm
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6 1.Welcome and Call to Order: Chairman Mathew Mills
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8 The regular meeting of the Monroe City Utility Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m. September 8,
9 2025, by Chairperson Mathew Mills.

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11 Present:

12 Board Chair – Mathew Mills

13 Board members –

14 Tom Anderson

15 Doug Monroe

16 Jeff Nielson

17 R.K. Nielson

18 Power Foreman Josey Parsons

19 City Recorder Allison Leavitt
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21 2. Consider a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 3, 2022, and November 8,
22 2022.

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24 **Board member Monroe moved to approve November 3, 2022, and November 8, 2022, Regular**
25 **Utility Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Board Member Nielson seconded the motion. A**
26 **roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Board Members Anderson, Mills, Monroe, Nielson, and RK**
27 **Nielson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 5-0**
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29 3.Business
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31 a. Consider Solar Power Request - Gary Barben GG's Marketplace
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33 Utility Board Chairperson Mathew Mills explained that Gary Barben, owner of GG's Marketplace, is
34 requesting an exemption from Monroe City Diversified Energy Policy (Solar).
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36 Mr. Barben explained that the grocery store is struggling and his pharmacy, located within the grocery
37 store, is what keeps the grocery store a float, and he has been looking for different solutions to help the
38 grocery store make money and stay in business. Because he thinks Monroe City needs a grocery store.
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40 Mr. Barben explained that his power bill is very large, and he is hoping to be able to reduce this expense.
41 To do this he is currently working with a refrigeration company to inspect and make improvements to
42 the freezers in the grocery store and install solar panels.

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44 Because of the size and demand for power that the grocery store requires Mr. Barben is thinking he
45 would need nearly 150 KW and our policy only allows 50 KW for the entire City. The City needs to have
46 this limit because solar is an unreliable energy source and does not produce power during the peak
47 usage time of the day.

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49 The Utility Board Members discussed with Mr. Barben different scenarios of how the solar could work,
50 like using batteries, and selling power back to the City. Currently our policy does not allow the City to
51 purchase power generated by individual solar customers.

52 After much discussion the Utility Board decided to table a decision on this matter until more information
53 can be gathered. Mr. Barben was asked to contact an engineering firm that specializes in determining
54 how much energy he would need and what the solar panels would provide, and Power Foreman Josey
55 Parsons will get data on what time of day is our peaking period.

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57 Once this information is gathered a Utility Board Meeting will be called to review and determine what
58 the recommendation will be for the City Council on this matter.

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60 b. Consider amending Monroe City Diversified Energy Policy

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62 **Board member Monroe moved to table amending Monroe City Diversified Energy Policy.**
63 **Board Member Nielson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Board**
64 **Members Anderson, Mills, Monroe, Nielson, and RK Nielson. The vote was unanimous. The**
65 **motion carried. 5-0**

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67 **4. ADJOURNMENT**

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69 **There being no further business to come before the Utility Board for consideration,**
70 **Board Member Anderson moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting adjourn at 2:15 p.m.**
71 **The motion was seconded by Board Member Nielson . The vote was unanimous. The**
72 **motion carried. 5-0**

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74 Approved this day 10th of November, 2025.

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78 Allison Leavitt, City Recorder