

**MINUTES**  
**MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 28, 2015**

**6:30 p.m. Work Session** Deputy Jared Campbell Review of South Sevier Schools Resource Program

Deputy Campbell's goal tonight is to educate the council on the programs he is teaching to students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 9-12 grade.

At the high school he teaches a law enforcement class to more than 120 students. At the end of the class, a test is given, if passed the students can use this credit towards a law enforcement degree. His goal is to teach the students life skills that will help them to mature and make better decisions.

Deputy Campbell feels that being in the school he is forming good relationships with the students, which makes for a better environment.

The NOVA (Nurturing, Opportunities, Values, Accountability) program is taught to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 9-12 grades. Lessons are taught on drugs, anger management, maturity, and also the influence of movies and internet safety. These lessons not only help the students, but they also get parents involved.

Youth Court- A program where law enforcement can send juvenile offenders, instead of sending them to justice court. This court is made up of their peers, acting as judges, who provide the consequences for their actions. Usually consequences are handed down as community service hours. This program is a county wide program which helps punish the students not parent's pocket book. Hopefully this program will help deter repeat offences.

The city council and Deputy Campbell had a very good discussion about how our community is benefitting from this program. Mayor Nilsson thanked Deputy Campbell for all he does and for coming here to tonight to inform the council of this program.

**7:30 p.m.**

1. The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Fran Washburn and prayer was given by Council Member Perry Payne.

Present:

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson

Council Members

Troy Torgersen  
Johnny Parsons  
Fran Washburn  
Perry Payne  
Devin Magleby – Public Works Director  
Allison Leavitt – City Treasurer  
Rodney Wanlass- Water Superintendent  
Leon Stewart – Planning Commission Chairman

Citizens

Janette Wanlass (24<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Member)  
Shelly Trejo (24<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Member)  
Stacey Rhodes

The Mayor excused Council Member Joe Anderson, whose daughter returned from her mission today, and Recorder Emalee Curtis. The minutes from the previous meeting will be reviewed and approved at next council meeting.

**2. Citizen input**

**3. Business**

**A. Planning Commission Recommendations – Approve Conditional use business license applications submitted by:**

(a) Malorie Hansen for Platinum Salon located at 442 South Main

Planning commission has reviewed this application. Malorie already has a conditional use permit for her salon at different location. At this time, she is relocating her salon to her home. Commission recommends approval for the conditional use permit for Platinum Salon located at 442 S Main.

**A motion was made by Council Member Johnny Parsons to approve conditional use business license application for Malorie Hansen’s Platinum Salon located at 442 S Main, seconded by Council Member Perry Payne. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

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(b) Aubrey Lindsey for Nazy's Nest home decor and retail sales, located at 95 West Center  
Planning commission has reviewed this application. Aubrey currently has a business license for her business, but is now moving it to 95 W Center, which requires a conditional use permit. Commission recommends approval for the conditional use permit for Nazy's Nest located at 95 W Center.

**A motion was made by Council Member Perry Payne to approve conditional use business license application for Aubrey Lindsey's Nazy's Nest located at 95 W Center, seconded by Council Member Troy Torgersen. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

(c) Approve propose single lot split survey plat for Daniel Rhodes located at 403 S 100 E  
Planning commission reviewed the single lot split for Daniel Rhodes. It appears that everything is in order, and the commission recommends approval for this single lot split as submitted.

**A motion was made by Council Member Johnny Parsons to approve single lot split for Daniel Rhodes located at 403 S 100 E, seconded by Council Member Fran Washburn. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Leon explained to the council that the planning commission has determined that it is not the city's responsibility to review plat maps for accuracy before submitting them to the county. The Planning Commission and City Council will verify that the plat map meets our zoning ordinance and receives the required signatures. All other information is the county's responsibility.

### **B. 24<sup>th</sup> of July Committee – Pioneer Day plans**

Janette Wanlass asked for clarification on the pooper scooper fee. Last year the city records show that the pooper scoopers were paid \$80.00, divided between two boys. This is to clean up behind horses during the parade and then to clean up trash on the park after festivities. The council felt this amount is adequate again for this year.

Shelly explained that a lot of the businesses they approach for donations for the 24<sup>th</sup> of July drawing are asking for an exempt number other than the city's tax exempt number.

Allison will check with auditor Rick Roberts to see if he can clarify what they may be asking for and whether it's in the city's best interest to obtain this type of account.

Shelly has been contacted by Jared Holland about performing during our concert the night of the 24<sup>th</sup>. We already have the Lawn Darts coming, but he would like to be an opener for them. He wants to perform at no charge. Allison will check with the Lawn Darts and Al Taylor to see

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whether this is a problem and get back to Shelly so she can get back with Jared.

Allison explained that vendors for the concessions booths have to sign up on the internet and then call or come into the office to pay fees. Their booths are not confirmed until fees are paid. Right now, they are not able to pay the fees online with their application. Allison contacted Xpress Bill Pay, our internet payment system, and they will, for a onetime fee of \$500.00, create a form which vendors would complete and then pay their fees at the same time. Last year, \$1395.00 was collected from booth fees. Once the form is created, Monroe City would be able to make necessary changes as needed at any time with no charge. The council gave Allison permission to proceed with having Xpress Bill Pay create the form, for the ease of 24<sup>th</sup> committee, vendors, and city office employees.

Janette confirmed there will be entertainment during the BBQ on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **C. Discussion – New hire (Apprentice lineman and city building custodian contract)**

The mayor started the discussion by informing the council that since the last council meeting, Devin has talked with Daniel, and he has committed to staying for at least four years. Mayor asked the council whether, with this information, they still want to proceed with hiring someone or wait a while. We still want to hire someone who would be willing to be an apprentice lineman. It takes a minimum of four years to become a journeyman lineman. Johnny said he would like to pursue hiring someone now. He stated he feels we have put a lot of extra obligations on the city crew, and with the town growing, it's not going to get any better. This employee would have to be willing to be cross-trained in all departments and commit to becoming a journeyman lineman within the following four years. Johnny stated he would be able to budget money from the irrigation department to help cover salary for the new hire. Perry said he has not done his budget yet but will try to budget for a new hire. Devin stated he has not talked with Joe, council member over streets, but the street department should also contribute, because the new hire would need to work on equipment to help maintain our streets and roads.

Devin also commented that with a new hire, the city would need to purchase an additional vehicle. The vehicles we have right now are getting pretty old and starting to require more maintenance.

Devin will meet with Emalee when she gets back to prepare a job description and begin advertising for the position. Plan for the new employee to start as close to July 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. Wages will be based upon experience.

## **4. Staff Reports**

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Allison reported that Emalee's surgery went well, with no complications.

Devin reported that Bob Lee, park superintendent, is meeting with a grass specialist tomorrow (April 29) at the new ball fields for suggestions on how to correct the problem with the grass seed planted last fall that's not growing.

Road school was good. Josey and Devin are now both certified in flagging and as traffic control technicians. All this training was very good for Josey, had a lot of training that will benefit the power department, and helps with our cross-training concept. Next year, Rodney will need to go to be recertified.

Finished up with sprinklers on the new fields, and John Magleby will be here later this week to help install additional fence posts.

Conducted a dam inspection with NRCS. They recommend that the woody plants be removed. There is also evidence of rodent holes in the sides of dam wall, probably badgers, which needs to be addressed. The council is nervous about setting traps that could cause injury to children or animals, such as dogs. Johnny will speak with Ron Utley to see if he thinks live traps would work with catching badgers. If he thinks they will, Johnny will look into trying to take care of the problem.

Devin asked the council how they felt about financing through a local bank for the purchase of a dump/snow plow truck. The county will be selling a dump/snow plow truck in the near future. Devin does not want to take an entire year's chip seal budget to purchase a truck. Can we finance it over a four to five year period? The mayor previously visited with Emalee about this, and she told him many years ago that the city financed a piece of equipment through Zion's Bank, so it can be done. The snow plow/sander we are using now is very old and rusted, and Devin's afraid it is not going to last much longer. We would sell the truck we are using now so some monies could be recouped. Troy asked about other departments pooling their money to pay for it. This is something to look at closer to the end of the budget year. Troy asked Devin if the price was a great price, good price, or just reasonable. Devin has not gone and looked at it personally; he has just talked with Mark Rickenbach at the county about it. He will get with Mark and get more details to bring back to the council.

Devin informed the council that Green Valley Lawn Care has started spraying for weeds.

## **5. Department Business - reports and concerns - law enforcement concerns**

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Councilmember Joseph Anderson - Streets Department, Weeds, Equipment, Sr. Citizens-Absent

Councilmember Perry Payne - Electric, Mosquito Abatement, Utility Board

No business tonight everything is going good.

Councilmember Fran Washburn - Parks, Cemetery, Planning Commission

Fran visited with Bob at the cemetery the other day and complimented him on how good the cemetery looks this year. Fran asked Bob to let Mat know he appreciates his hard work and that everything appears to be coming along well.

Councilmember Johnny Parsons - Water, Irrigation, Wastewater, Fire Department

Johnny had a question regarding the splash pad fundraiser money: Where is it? Nan Matsuoka, Little Green Valley Fun Civic League Chair, should have the money, and she was instructed that the money needs to be brought to the city. There is already a line item in the budget for revenue and expenses relating to the splash pad.

Changing the location was then discussed. There are some concerns for safety, parking, and potential water line conflict in the northeast corner previously designated as the location. Fran and the mayor think that west of the newer playground would be better. This location would offer more off-the-street parking and room for future expansion, if necessary. Nan is not happy about this, but the mayor will talk to her in the morning and set up a meeting with Fran, Nan, and himself to discuss the location for the splash pad.

At the last meeting, Kevin Boyle wanted to sign the contract and get construction going on the splash pad. The contractor is supposedly willing to get started, even if they don't have all the money raised. If Mr. Boyle wanted to sign the contract, it then would be on his shoulders to fulfill the obligation. The council does not feel comfortable with this in any way. When the money is collected, then the construction can begin, with the city signing the contract with the contractor.

Next week, Council Members Johnny Parsons, Perry Payne, along with Mike Murdock and Justin Peterson—all firemen—will travel to South Dakota for a final inspection of the new fire truck. Cost for this was included in the purchase price.

Councilmember Troy Torgersen - Library, CERT, EMS, Landfill, Garbage, Youth Council

Troy asked if there has been any further feedback from Mike Ginsberg, owner of Mystic Hot Springs, about complaints of Kevin Boyle not keeping the soaking tubs at Red Hills in good condition. No one from the city has been up there, and the city office has received no complaints. It appears a lot of people are still going up there and using them. The agreement with the BLM in regards to the road and power line is pretty close to being completed.

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson - General Administration - Appointments to the Monroe City Utility

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The mayor met yesterday with members of the Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers are used more in home fires than any other type of emergency. They would like Monroe City to form a committee that would help get information into every residence in Monroe. Right now, their main effort is to have every home have a smoke detector. Members could possibly be firemen from our department, Frank Lundsford, Nancy Curtis, and emergency specialists from each ward are a few suggestions. The mayor already visited with Jack Hammond, and he said he would be willing to be on a committee for this. Allison will get more information on this and have something in the next newsletter.

Jones & DeMille contacted the mayor with an estimated cost of \$120,000.00 for a new concession building at the park. If we reduce the square footage and do not install metal, roll-up windows, it would be around \$90,000.00. Still waiting for estimate on restrooms. Hopefully, we can get these figures in soon so we can access our CIB funds.

The mayor wanted to clarify with Troy that there is no intent on changing the name of Mtn. View Park to Ekker Field. The park will remain Mtn. View Park. The plan is to install some kind of signage by the new ball fields with the name Ekker Fields along with additional donor names listed. Troy stated that he is just concerned that over time, it will become known as Ekker Fields instead of Mtn. View Park. The mayor assured him that is not the plan.

## **6. Adjournment**

**A motion was made at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Perry Payne, seconded by Council Member Johnny Parsons. All were in favor. Motion Carried.**