

MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015
Minutes

7:30 p.m.

1. Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson conducting

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Allison Leavitt, City Treasurer. Prayer was offered by Councilmember Johnny Parsons.

Present:

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson

Councilmembers:

Johnny Parsons

Fran Washburn

Joe Anderson

Perry Payne

Devin Magleby – Public Works Director

Daniel Peterson – Power Superintendent

Josey Parsons – City Lineman

Allison Leavitt- City Treasurer

Excused tonight Emalee Curtis, City Recorder and Troy Torgersen, City Councilmember

Reed Dalton – Codale Electric

Troy Gomm – Codale Electric

Sandy Phillips – Press – Richfield Reaper

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Councilmember Payne moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 city council meeting as submitted. Motion seconded by Councilmember Joe Anderson. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson made a declaration that due to the extenuating circumstances of Emalee Curtis being out of the office with illness, notice of our budget hearing tonight was not posted at least 7 days prior to the hearing, which is required by state law.

Citizen input- None

2. Business

(A) Codale Electric Supply – Presentation - Lights for new ball fields

Mr. Gomm introduced himself and Mr. Dalton as representatives of Codale Electric.

They are here tonight to review with the council the bid they submitted for lighting at

the new ball fields and soccer field. Codale provided the lighting for the Rice-Eccles stadium which is located in a residential area. Their system lights the field not the neighborhood. They also were involved in the lighting for the Bee's Stadium, and with Kanab and Lehi lighting projects.

Their bid includes both energy efficient light fixtures and standard light fixtures. Councilmember Parsons stated the cost difference is a substantial amount of money between the two types of fixtures.

The bid submitted also has the ballast mounted down low on the poles, so that they can be maintained without use of a bucket truck. If we move the ballast to the top of the pole there is less heat created and the ballast will last longer. Monroe City has a bucket truck that would allow the city crew to reach and maintain the ballast, as we do today with the fixtures already installed on the current fields. It would be a %15 reduction in cost if we choose the ballast at the top of the poles.

Light fixtures would come pre-aimed, which makes them easy to install. Once they are pre aimed there is no need for adjustment, even if they require maintenance.

Further discussion continued on the life of the light fixtures and light output, cost of replacement bulbs, availability of replacement bulbs, warranties and type of pole installation.

Council would like Codale to submit a bid with the %15 reduction for having ballast moved to the top of the poles. Councilmember Parsons wants to look into the amount of time it would take to recoup the cost difference between the energy saving light fixtures verses standard light fixtures. The lights are on only a few nights a week for only a few months a year.

(B) Fire Dept. – Awarding bid on Type 6 Wildland Fire Truck

Councilmember Parsons presented the two bids the fire department received on the Type 6 Wildland Fire Truck. One was from Koosharem Town Fire Department for \$4500.00, other one was from South Bend Canal Company for \$2100.00.

Councilmember Parsons moved to accept the high bid of \$4500.00 from Koosharem Town Fire Department for the Type 6 Wildland Fire Truck. Councilmember Payne seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

(C) Consider Resolution 6-03-2015-“ A Resolution Supporting HB 362 (2015)Authorized 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax Dedicated to Transportation, encouraging Sevier County to submit the proposal to voters in November 2015, and encouraging voters to support the proposal”

Mayor explained that at the last Council of Government meeting House Bill 362 was discussed. If this Bill is passed the county will collect the monies and then distribute them to cities throughout the Sevier County. Senator Ralph Okerlund was there and informed the council that the legislature does not see new funding for transportation projects in the near future. Approving this resolution will give the county the support needed to place HB 362 on the ballot.

Council discussed that the extra money would help fund our street maintenance.

Councilmember Payne moved to approve “A Resolution Supporting HB 362 (2015) Authorized 0.25% Local Option General Sales Tax Dedicated to Transportation, encouraging Sevier County to submit the proposal to voters in November 2015, and encouraging voters to support the proposal.” Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Johnny Parsons moved to enter into a Public Hearing of the Municipal Building Authority of Monroe City. Councilmember Payne seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

3. Public Hearing: Adoption of Municipal Building Authority of Monroe City Budget

Proposed adoption of Resolution 6-01-2015 Adopting the Building Authority of Monroe City annual budget.

Mayor Nilsson opened the Municipal Building Authority budget hearing. He explained that the building authority budget provides for payment of the principal and interest on the CIB loan for the city’s fire station.

On August 30, 2004, the Municipal Building Authority of Monroe City approved the issuance of Series 2004 Lease Revenue bonds in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a fire house. The terms of the lease require annual payments beginning in 2006. The interest rate is 2.5% final payment on the note is in 2028.

Councilmember Parsons moved to adopt Resolution 6-01-2015 the Municipal Building Authority of Monroe City 2015-2016 budget as presented to the council. Councilmember Anderson seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Anderson moved to close the Public Hearing of the Municipal Building Authority of Monroe City. Councilmember Payne seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Nilsson closed the building authority public hearing and opened the 2015-2016 Monroe City budget hearing.

4. Public Hearing: Adoption of Monroe City Budget

(A) Resolution 6-02-2015 adopting 2015-2016 Monroe City Budget and certified tax rate Councilmembers were told they are adopting the same budget as 2014-2015 due to city recorders absence. Once Emalee returns the budget will be reviewed and if needed will be opened and amended. State law requires adoption of fiscal budget by June 30.

Councilmember Payne moved to adopt Resolution 6-02-2015 adopting the Monroe City 2015-2016 annual budget and certified tax rate. Councilmember Washburn seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

(B) Adoption of Ordinance 06-01-2015 providing compensation of elected and statutory officers of Monroe City and salary schedule of Monroe City employees.

Councilmember Parsons moved to adopt Ordinance 06-01-2015 providing compensation of elected and statutory officers of Monroe City and salary schedule of Monroe City employees as presented to the council. Councilmember Payne seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Anderson moved to close the Public Hearing of the Monroe City Council. Councilmember Payne seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Allison Leavitt, City Treasurer, presented two different shirts for the council to decide on for this 24th of July celebration. All council members and staff will receive a shirt to wear during the celebration.

No new information on splash pad, still waiting for Monte Bona to contact Allison to fill out the Eccles grant application.

Daniel Peterson, Power Superintendent, expressed his concerns about the lighting project at the park. He favors the lighting fixtures offered by Central Electric, other company we received a bid from, they offer Musko light fixtures. These fixtures are energy saving lights. If council chooses the Codale lighting he may have to revamp the transformers and conduit already ordered and installed at the ball fields.

Councilmember Parsons stated there is the potential of a \$70,000.00 saving in going with lighting fixtures offered by Codale. Mayor suggested we collect data on what kind a usage the current lights are using and how long it would take to recoup the difference. Mayor would also like staff to call other cities for some references. Once we get a formal bid from Codale with the changes we talked about tonight, and a report on references and data collected the council feels like we can make a better informed decision. Councilmembers Anderson and Payne wondered if we should talk to Central Electric to see if this was the best they could do, Councilmember Parsons felt like this may be unfair to the low bidder. Council and staff members will work on getting more information for next council meeting.

Devin Magleby, Public Works Director, reported that he had received an email from Councilmember Torgersen regarding the drain at the bottom of the outside stairs located at the library. The concrete has been cut out and Payne Plumbing is trying to locate a new larger drain to install. Once this is done Devin feels like this will alleviate the flooding problem for the library during heavy rainstorms.

He reported that the contractors have started on the footings for new buildings at the park.

He contacted all three dealerships located in Richfield in regards to a new pick up for him as Public Works Director. Bids came in at about \$27,000.00 from all three. This is for an extended cab; Devin needs the extra room for his surveying equipment. Devin asked the council if they wanted him to look into a used vehicle. Council felt buying a new standard equipped pick up is better for the city than purchasing a used vehicle. With hiring a new employee and the fact that all three dealers prices were close to the same Devin was instructed to contact dealers and go with the one that could deliver a vehicle the quickest.

6. Department business – reports and concerns – Law enforcement concerns

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

*Green Valley Lawn Care has been working on spraying weeds along city streets. Scott Parsons was notified from city staff of problem areas.

Councilmember Perry Payne- Electric, Mosquito Abatement, Utility Board

*We had 37 very good applicants apply for our public works employee position.

Councilmember Fran Washburn – Parks, Cemetery, Planning Commission

*Dug outs have been painted by Tamara Parsons and other volunteers. Councilmember Washburn helped with filling of holes. The volunteers scrapped off the old paint and then painted them red and black. Tournament play will begin June 24th and end July 10th.

New grass is looking good, feels like they may be able to play fall soccer on new field if grass continues to grow good. City crew is working on some bare spot on the large baseball field.

Council member Johnny Parsons – Water, Irrigation, Wastewater, Fire Department

*No further business tonight.

Council member Troy Torgersen – Library-CERT-EMS, Landfill, Garbage, Youth Council-absent

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson – General Administration- Appointments

*Informed council that six applicants have been selected to be interviewed on June 25th.

City attorney David Church was contacted in regards of having a three councilmembers on the hiring board and Councilmember Payne’s son being one of the applicants to be interviewed. Mr. Church stated that if we have three councilmembers this constitutes a quorum and we would have to have an open meeting then adjourn to a close meeting to conduct interviews. Also stated that it may appear to be a conflict of interest to have Councilmember Payne on the hiring board where his son was one of the applicants. Councilmember Payne opted to not be a member of the hiring committee.

In reference to the new employee Councilmember Payne felt like we needed to make it clear to the new employee that there would be a probation period and certain expectations would be in place. Devin, Daniel, and Josey were instructed to have some basic benchmarks for new employee to reach in a certain amount of time.

7. Adjournment

Councilmember Parsons moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Councilmember Payne seconded. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.