

MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Mayor Nilsson and prayer was given by Councilmember Payne.

Present:

Mayor – R. Kirt Nilsson

Councilmembers:

Troy Torgersen

Johnny Parsons

Fran Washburn

Perry Payne

Devin Magleby – Public Works Director

Daniel Peterson – Power Superintendent

Allison Leavitt- Deputy Recorder

Sandy Phillips- Press- Richfield Reaper

Von Miller – IPA (Parowan City)

Dan Eldredge-IPA

Ted Olson- IPA (Ephraim City)

Sherene Demings – America Red Cross

Frank Lunsford – American Red Cross

Mayor excused Councilmember Anderson and City Recorder Emalee Curtis from tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Parsons moved to accept the minutes with changes made. Councilmember Washburn seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

***Changes – page 3 first paragraph change sentence to read “planning commission *has finished the fence...*”**

2. Citizen Input

None

3. Business

A. Consider Resolution 9-8-2015 which approves and gives authorization to execute and deliver the revised Second Amendatory Power Sales Contract with IPA.

Councilmember Payne began the discussion stating he feels like we need to decide one way or another on approving the Second Amendatory Power Sales Contract with IPA. It was confirmed that if we need to speak with our City Attorney David Church he could be contacted by phone, he had a previous commitment tonight and could not be here. Councilmember Washburn asked IPA representative what was the difference between this contract and the one they presented earlier to the city.

Mr. Dan Eldredge, Assistant General Manager for IPA acknowledge Councilmember Washburn's question, but first introduced Von Mellor from Parowan City and Ted Olson from Ephraim City, IPA Board members. Mr. Eldredge also thanked the council for their prompt attention in considering the Second Amendatory Power Sales Contract. A timeline was handed out to the council so they could see where the other participants are in accepting the new contracts.

A brief back ground was given by Mr. Eldredge concerning the California cities, which are involved in the project. Mr. Eldredge answered Councilmember Washburn's question with the following answers. The first change was the time frame for the California cities to agree to remain participants or to exit the project from July 1, 2015 to November 1, 2019. The 2015 date would have them agreeing to the project before the contract was finalized. Second is the definition of type of repowering allowed to be expanded to include other alternative sources. As it was it could only be powered by natural gas. The final change was that the five California cities wanted more of a voice if it comes to using an alternative power source. So the contract states that if they have at least 15% entitlement when it comes time to decide on the repowering source, one of the five cities could veto the alternative source. Mr. Eldredge explained this was kind of an explanation in a nutshell.

Daniel Peterson, City Power Superintendent, has expressed concern over the city signing this contract. Tonight he explained to Mr. Eldredge he is not comfortable with the issue of who pays for the dismantling cost of the current coal power plant. Mr. Eldredge explained that if the plant was to be sold the new owners could enter into an agreement which would allow the coal fired plant to continue operations at the current site. If no one purchases the coal fire power plant the dismantling costs would be added into the cost of construction of the new repowering unit. Ted Olsen explained that basically the dismantling costs would be incorporated into the cost of each kWh produced by the new repowering unit. Daniel thanked Mr. Eldredge for his explanation.

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Councilmember Payne stated that he thinks we are all in agreement that none of us want to go in the direction we are going in but it appears to be our best option.

Councilmember Payne moved to adopt Resolution 9 -8-2015 which approves and gives authorization to execute and deliver the revised Second Amendatory Power Sales Contract with IPA. Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion. Vote was as follows.

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| Councilmember Payne | Yes |
| Councilmember Washburn | Yes |
| Councilmember Parsons | Yes |
| Councilmember Torgersen | Yes |

Vote was unanimous.

B. Red Cross – Frank Lundsford –Team Leader

Mr. Lundsford came before the council tonight to inform them of the program the Red Cross is forming in our area. The goal is to bring the community together in planning procedures for an emergency. The plan will address procedures before, during and after an emergency. Mr. Lundsford explained that each disaster is different and has different needs, so if our community has a plan in place it will provide for our citizens safety and shelter needed during an emergency.

Mr. Lundsford explained that the county currently has a plan on a larger scale and he is here tonight to ask as a Red Cross Team leader for the city to form a committee that could help create a plan for Monroe. It was suggested that the committee could be made up of two members from different churches, business leader and a member from the city council and city staff. Once a committee is formed leaders from the Red Cross would come and help educate them on how to form a plan and distribute the plan among the citizens of Monroe.

The Mayor stated that the council would work on getting a committee together and invited Mr. Lundsford to attend our Public Power Picnic next week where he could promote the Red Cross plans to our residents.

C. Appointment of Monroe City Statutory Officers-City Deputy Recorder, City Treasurer Utah Code 10-3-916

Mayor explained that with the absence of City Recorder Emalee Curtis it was necessary to reappoint Allison Leavitt, City Treasurer, to Deputy City Recorder and Jacee Barney, City Deputy Treasurer to City Treasurer.

Councilmember Payne moved to accept Appointments of Monroe City Statutory Officers- Allison Leavitt as City Deputy Recorder and Jacee Barney as Monroe City Treasurer.

Councilmember Parsons seconded the motion. Vote was as follows.

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| Councilmember Torgersen | Yes |
| Councilmember Parsons | Yes |
| Councilmember Washburn | Yes |
| Councilmember Payne | Yes |

Vote was unanimous

D. Monroe City Public Power Celebration – Arbor Day Celebration

Public Power Celebration will be on Monday September 14, 2015 the council will need to be there by 5:30 to begin cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.

Council discussed that this year we would be including our Arbor Day Celebration with our Public Power Celebration. We would be giving out gift certificates from Brooklyn Garden, and encourage the winners of these certificates to purchase trees with them.

Councilmember Washburn is still working on forming a Shade Tree Committee. The committee would work on doing a tree inventory of the trees on city property, form a maintenance plan for these trees, and make plans for future tree planting projects.

Councilmember Washburn asked if anyone knows of someone needing an Eagle Scout Project. He would like to see the west side of the tennis courts cleaned up, sprinklers installed, and grass and trees planted. Councilmember Washburn also asked Public Works Director Magleby if he could look into adding some additional gates on the west side of the tennis courts.

E. Approval of warrant register, cash disbursements and adjustment journal

The council reviewed and signed approval for the September, 2015 warrant register and the August, 2015 cash disbursements and adjustments journals.

4. Staff Reports

Public Works Director Magleby informed the council that he took delivery of the new dump truck. He will install a radio and then it will be ready to use.

Arrangements for delivery of baseball infield mixture should be taken care of this week. It will be delivered to the city yard and then hauled to the new ball fields once the fields are ready.

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

Councilmember Joseph Anderson - Streets Department, Weeds, Equipment, Sr. Citizens- Absent
Councilmember Perry Payne - Electric, Mosquito Abatement, Utility Board –

*Recently attend the UAMPS annual meeting-Nuclear Power seems to be the big push right now and it appears that is the direction most are going to in the future. They also discussed, with solar power becoming more popular we need to address in our electric policy the scenario of customers wanting to sell some of their generated power back to the city. And they expressed the value of having our own public power system and the advantages that come along with it.

Councilmember Fran Washburn - Parks, Cemetery, Planning Commission –

*Informed council that he visited with Kevin Moore, with Moore Electric, about a new welcome to Monroe sign located at the west entrance of the city. If we want a sign comparable to the new Elsinore sign it would cost approximately \$1400.00. This would be a two sided sign one side welcoming and the other side thanking for visiting. He feels like this new sign would be made of a longer lasting material than the current sign. Council felt like this was a good idea and asked Councilmember Washburn to proceed.

It was also asked if the oversized gate located at the west entrance of the soccer field from 500 West either be removed or replace with a gate that fits the opening. Public Works Director Magleby stated the gate will be taken down; it was only put there to keep people off the new grass until it was established.

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

*Questions if the current fire permit forms working. They are working well, city staff always encourages residence to wait until open burn season, however if they feel they cannot wait they come and fill out a fire permit form and agree to the terms.

Water line along 300 East needs to be reviewed and possibly replaced. Public Works Director Magleby agreed this would be a good idea. This line was not included in the water project years ago and is probably one of the oldest lines in town. This may also be a good time to work on the drainage issue we have along 300 East.

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

*W`ould like more information about the transportation tax that the county will have on the ballot this November put in the next newsletter.

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson - General Administration

*Because we did not have more candidates file for city council than seats available Monroe City will not have an election this November. The council will need to pass a resolution canceling the election, at our next council meeting.

6. Adjournment

Councilmember Payne moved to adjourn meeting at 9:13 p.m. Councilmember Parsons seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.