

AGENDA
City of Monroe

LEGAL & REGULAR SESSION – APRIL 14, 2015, 6:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I: **ROLL CALL AND DECLARE QUORUM:**

II: **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MRS. EZERNACK:**

III: **COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Dr. Armstrong
2. Mrs. Ezernack
3. Ms. Blakes
4. Mr. Wilson
5. Mr. Clark
6. Mayor Mayo

IV: **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND REGULAR SESSION OF MARCH 24, 2015**
(Public Comment)

V: **PRESENTATION:**

NONE.

VI: **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS:

Public Comment:

1. 207 Johnston Street (D4) (Owners Equity Trust Co. And Brown and Sons Realty)
2. 1300 Rogers Street (D3) (Owner - Bonnie Odell White Wade)
3. 3405 Dick Taylor Street (D4) (Owner OAG Properties, LLC)

VII: ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS:

(Public Comment)

(a) Accept the bid of Cascade Engineering of Grand Rapids, MI for a one (1) year supply contract of Mobile Refuse Containers Ref # 86-0895 as recommended by the Director of Administration as meeting the specifications for this bid. Cascade Engineering meets the specifications for this bid as the overall low bid of \$45.61 per container and has been cleared by the Tax & Revenue Division. Funds are derived from the MIS Utility Operation Supply Account.

VIII: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

1. Council:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing expenditure of funds for CPA Professional Services to assist the Monroe City Council with the preparation of the 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the City of Monroe and further providing with respect thereto. (Armstrong)

2. Department of Administration:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing David L. Barnes, Jr. to sign an agreement for services with Louisiana Agricultural Corporation, LLC (d/b/a LAC Claims) to provide Claims Administration for Workers' Compensation Claims and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing David L. Barnes, Jr. to sign an Agreement for Risk Management Safety Services with Arthur J. Gallagher & Company with respect thereto.

(c) Consider request from the City of Crowley for Council approval to piggy back off the City of Monroe Contract for one New Sewer Combination Cleaner Truck. The Bid date was December 29, 2014 in the amount of \$334,895.00. The City of Crowley has contacted Covington Sales and with Council approval would like to piggyback off of the City's Contract in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 39:1701-1709.

(d) Consider request from the City of New Orleans for Council approval to piggy back off the City of Monroe Contract for one New Sewer Combination Cleaner Truck. The Bid date was December 29, 2014 in the amount of \$334,895.00. The City of New Orleans has contacted Covington Sales and with Council approval would like to piggyback off of the City's Contract in accordance with Louisiana R.S. 39:1701-1709.

3. Department of Planning & Urban Development:

Public Comment:

(a) Consider request by Liberty Christian Church for a Conditional Use Permit at 1414 North 18th Street for authorization for the use of this location as a small house of worship. A small house of worship is a place of worship having four hundred (400) or fewer seats or no more than eight thousand (8,000) square feet of total gross floor area. There will be seating for 43 people plus an area without seating of approximately 1,500 square feet. Planning Commission recommends **DENIAL** with a 5-2-1 vote. The recommendation of denial is based on the proximity to those nearby businesses that sell alcohol and the potential effect on liquor licenses and not providing the required number of parking spaces.

4. Legal Department:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Operation and Maintenance Agreement on the Chauvin Basin Pumping Station and further providing with respect thereto.

5. Mayor's Office:

NONE.

6. Department of Public Works:

Public Comment:

(a) Consider request from the Monroe Transit System for Council approval for the Purchasing Division to advertise for Fare/Boxes. The estimated cost for these Fare/Boxes is \$60,000.00. Funds for these purchases will come from the Transit Capital Account. The fare/boxes will be purchased using Grants LA-90-X363-01 and LA-90-X412-01 at 80% FTA participation.

7. Department of Community Affairs:

NONE.

8. Police Department:

NONE.

9. Fire Department:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to apply for and accept an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the Monroe Fire Department for the purchase of A MOBILE FIRE SAFETY HOUSE and further providing with respect thereto.

10. Engineering Services:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution accepting the bid of Amethyst Construction Company, in the amount of \$246,122.56, for the MLU Pave Overflow Parking (DE Project No. 14-01-06), and further authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a contract for said work.

(b) Adopt a Resolution accepting the bid of Lathan Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$113,873.00, for the MLU Wildlife Mitigation Timber Removal Project (DE Project No. 14-01-04), and further authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a contract for said work.

(c) Adopt a Resolution accepting the bid of Expert Maintenance & Construction, in the amount of \$420,407.40, for the MLU South Ramp Rehabilitation Project (DE Project No. 14-01-02), and further authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a contract for said work.

(d) Consider a request to authorize the Purchasing Manager to advertise for bids on the MLU Central Avenue Lighting Project. The estimated cost of this project is \$_____. The source of funds is Capital Outlay. The DBE Goal is 5%.

BREAK IF NEEDED:

IX: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Public Comment:

(a) Introduce an Ordinance adopting the authorized Millage Rate(s) and providing for the Levying of Special and General Taxes for the City of Monroe for the year 2015. (Admin.)

(b) Introduce an Ordinance authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to transfer by donation four Ford Crown Victoria Vehicles to the Lake Providence Police Department, Lake Providence La and further providing with respect thereto. (Police Dept.)

(c) Introduce an Ordinance declaring certain immovable property in Monroe as no longer being needed for public use and authorizing the same to be sold to Thara Ventures, LLC, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4712, and further providing with respect thereto. (Legal)

(d) Introduced an Ordinance adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana and authorizing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Public Hearing to create Live Oak Planned Unit Development, a ±9.2 acre tract of land, presently located in Ouachita Parish and more particularly described as follows: **North** Lot 2, Block A, Village Park Subdivision Lots 5, 6, and 8, Block A, Tower Business Park Subdivision: **South** Lot 1 and 2, Tower Medical Park - APPLICANT: Joe Holyfield/Dewey Weaver - (PUD)

(e) Introduced an Ordinance Extending and Enlarging the Boundaries of the City of Monroe, Louisiana, providing for the recordation of the entire boundary as amended: establishing the effective date thereof, and providing further with respect thereto - Applicant: Hixson Automotive Group, LLC - (P&Z)

(f) Introduce an Ordinance adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana and authorizing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Public Hearing to zone a ±15.18 acre tract of land, more or less, presently located in Ouachita Parish to B-3, General Business/Commercial District. This property presently does not have a zoning classification as it is being annexed into the city and otherwise known as 6300 Frontage Road - APPLICANT: Hixson Automotive Group, LLC - (P&Z)

(g) Introduce an Ordinance adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana and authorizing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Public Hearing to zone a 2.52 acre, more or less, tract of land from B-3, General Business/Commercial to R-3, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential, presently located in Ouachita Parish further described as follows: Lot 2, Reeves Crossing Subdivision and otherwise known as: 201 Carleen Drive - APPLICANT: Johnny Reeves - (P&Z)

(h) Introduce an Ordinance Amending Chapter 37, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Monroe, Article III, Use Districts, Section 37-39, Special Use Districts, Table 3.7 Special Districts Permitted and Conditional Uses of the Code of the City of Monroe, Louisiana; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith. (P&Z)

(i) Introduce an Ordinance amending and adjusting the City of Monroe Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. (4th Qter)(Admin.)

(j) Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to acquire a certain 0.009 +/- acre tract of real property from the Masonic Lodge situated in Ouachita Parish for the purpose of construction of the underground pump station in connection with the Stubbs Pump Station and Easement Project, and further providing with respect thereto. (Legal)

(k) Introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 36 Section 36-23 of the Monroe City Code Entitled Water Rates by adding Section 36-23.1 Entitled Water Bill Payment Extension and further providing with respect thereto. (Wilson)

(l) Introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 9 Entitled Buildings, Section 9-24 of the City of Monroe Code Entitled Permit Fees and further providing with respect thereto.

(m) Introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 14 Entitled Electricity, Section 14-60 Entitled Fees of the Monroe City Code and further providing with respect thereto.

(n) Introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 17 Entitled Gas, Section 17-3 of the City of Monroe Code Entitled Permit and Fees and further providing with respect thereto.

(o) Introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 Entitled Plumbing Code, Section 27-55 of the City of Monroe Code Entitled Fees and further providing with respect thereto.

X: RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Comment:

(a) Finally Adopt an Ordinance authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into an Infrastructure Development Agreement with Abdul Khaliq, Rana A. Khan and Taj M. Khan and further providing with respect thereto. (Legal)

(b) Finally Adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of the property described below and sell to Duane S. Gaines, all rights, title and interest that the City may have acquired to Lot 23, Square 60, Unit 10 Booker T. Washington Addition, Ouachita Parish, 4011 Elm Street, District 3, Monroe, La, by adjudication at Tax Sale dated July 9, 2009, and further with respect thereto. (Legal)

(c) Finally Adopt an Ordinance authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Southside Economic Development Corporation for the development of an administrative business and education center and further providing with respect thereto. (Admin.)

(d) Finally Adopt an Ordinance authorizing Mayor James Mayo to enter into a Collaborative Agreement with St. Francis Medical Center and further providing with respect thereto. (Admin.)

(e) Finally Adopt an Ordinance to implement the legislation that created the revenue stream for SEDD pursuant to the Act of the Legislature and Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax for SEDD. (Clark)

(f) Finally Adopt an Ordinance adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the City of Monroe and providing for a detailed statement of the contents for a five (5) year period from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2020. (Admin.)

(g) Finally Adopt an Ordinance adopting a Budget of Revenues and providing for an estimate of items and expenditures for the fiscal year 2015-2016 as Amended. (Admin.)

XI: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

XII: ADJOURN.