

Monroe City Council Legal and Regular Session
January 09, 2018
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers-City Hall
MINUTES

There was a legal and regular session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Louisiana held this date at the Council's regular meeting place, 400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Council Chambers, City Hall Building, Monroe, Louisiana.

The Honorable Juanita Woods, Vice-Chairwoman, called the meeting to order. She then asked the clerk to call the roll.

There were present, Council members: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Echols, and Ms. Woods.

There was absent: Mrs. Ezernack.

Vice-Chairwoman Woods announced that a quorum was present; the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance would be led by her designee, Rev. Michael Dean, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Vice-Chairwoman Woods thanked Rev. Dean for the prayer; she stated Chairwoman Ezernack was absent from tonight's meeting due to an illness.

Vice Chairwoman proceeded by acknowledging the time for special announcements and/or communications.

Mr. Echols offered prayers to the MPD as they have lost a fellow police officer, and prayers to the family of the officer.

Mr. Wilson welcomed each one present and wished everyone a Happy New Year; he offered his condolences on behalf of District 4 to MPD, staff and to Officer Beaudoin's family; he offered condolences to the family of Esther Gallow, an icon, and a legend in the City, he said one of the reasons he is sitting on the Council is that Mrs. Gallow helped him get elected. Mr. Wilson said he had the opportunity to visit some of the recreation centers along with Mr. Lenard Montgomery, and the work that he has done at each one, the floors look brand new; he thanked Mr. Montgomery, the staff and the Community affairs director and acknowledged some of the work that had been done including the games room at Emily P Robinson, the restriping of the parking lot at Benoit, and the floors look good at Saul Adler Community Center. He announced the Unity in the Community Day of Service sponsored by Ms. Marie Brown on January 13, 2018 from 12p-4p at 1511 Orange Street, this is her second year going into the community and doing something for the elderly and others who can't do for themselves; he said if anyone wanted to volunteer to meet Ms. Brown at the location for 12 noon; Mr. Wilson said 2017 was a good year, and he did the yard of the month projects last year spending \$1800 of his Council salary to give constituents \$25-\$50 gift cards to take care of their yards and he will go a step farther and will now go into the school system; Councilman Clark has done a lot by going into the schools in the City and parish and said that he would piggyback on him and would donate dollars to schools in his district including Barkdull Faulk, JS Clark and some other high schools to students that need uniforms, clothes, coats, jackets, and will be talking with the principals and meeting with teachers so that the kids needs can be met right where they are. He thanked everyone for a good 2017 and look forward to a great 2018.

Mr. Clark welcomed each one present and wished everyone a Happy New Year; he offered his condolences to the family of Mrs. Esther Gallow, and to Officer Beaudoin; he said the City and the Council are looking forward to tackling some issues in the City that will help move the City forward in 2018; the Mayor has his plan and some of his bullet points for the year, and we are looking to take that to a new level; he said when he returned home he saw where the City employees were engaged in service projects for the year 2018 and this is what it is all about, service to others, being of service, rendering ourselves and making ourselves available to serve; he commended the Administration for thinking about this ideal and hopefully we can be effective in what it is they are trying to accomplish with respect to the service projects; he said he is looking forward to doing some dynamic things and he commended the Council for all of their efforts and what they give; he said people think that Council makes a lot of money, but they don't and whether privately done or publicly done, all that Council gives away, we are not taking home any money; he commended Councilman Wilson for joining his efforts in helping the students by donating half of his Council salary to do some things for the schools in his district; he said it's not easy to take hard earned money and give it up and put it back into the community, especially when you have obligations and you are being called upon in the midnight hour to give and give; he believes the efforts will be rewarded, and it will be incumbent upon all of us to give whatever we can give, if it's not money, give the most important thing, that's time, and if you can give time by going to an elementary school and reading a book, that's what he's about and have been about this last year; he said he

has had people approach him in the grocery stores and say, they watched him on television and he is being quiet as though he is uninterested; he said he is not uninterested, he just doesn't believe in meeting just to be meeting, but he wants to be effective with whatever personally that he is connected with, and do look forward to serving all; he is available, this Council is available and am sure they know that the Administration is also available and if they feel they need Council for any reason, at any time in 2018, please don't hesitate to call.

Mayor Mayo wished everyone a Happy New Year; he announced the City of Monroe's Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on Thursday, January 11, 2018, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the Monroe Civic Center Theatre and said he is proud to have GSU President Rick Gallot as the guest speaker along with having students, citizens, and employees in attendance; several years ago he recognized individuals in categories who have exceeded in the community from Education, to different types of community work and the highlight is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Trailblazer Award; the theme for this year and it's part of the 60 for 60 list is the benevolent part where the employees are being engaged to take a project each month for twelve months and go into the community and do different things; each department has picked a project this year and for the month of January, the Public Works Department selected the comfort kits for the homeless and the less fortunate project; he thanked all of the Departments for selecting a project, and everyone will be engaged in the projects; he acknowledged the passing of MPD Officer Chris Beaudoin, as he was killed in a single car crash and he had the opportunity to talk with his wife, and our prayers are with her and his family as they go through this difficult time; he mentioned the passing of Mrs. Esther Gallow and prayers are with her family; Mrs. Gallow did a tremendous amount of work in the community and particularly work in the Booker T addition; Mrs. Gallow's Memorial services will be held on Saturday at Millers Funeral Home around three or three thirty, unless they changed it.

Ms. Woods offered her condolences to the family of MPD Officer Chris Beaudoin, as it was an unfortunate loss; she wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight; she thanked the Mayor and his Administration, as they went through an exercise of pulling some information together for her; she asked for a summation of all of the projects that were done in District 3 for 2017 and needless to say it was a phenomenal year in 2017 for District 3; there were a number of projects that were started and completed; she listed some of the high points of the projects for District 3, there were eleven demolitions and four were in District 3 and there were 29 altogether; there were 289 vacant lots mowed, and each lot was mowed at least four times and many of them were mowed five times; there were three major projects at the Airport, the Perimeter road project, the Perimeter fence project, and the Delta pond improvement project, with a total of around two million dollars of projects at the airport in District 3; there were a number of striping projects in District 3, including Central avenue, the perimeter fence had some striping done, the taxiway, the identifier pavement markings at Louberta, South 24th, Washington, and Elm Streets, just to name a few; there were some storm water system improvements and the cost of the projects from Engineering were right around 4.8 million dollars; Planning and Zoning had ten condemnations in District 3 and \$125,424 was spent in CDBG funding for 2017 including five houses that were rehabbed; Ms. Woods said she was very excited and was sure the residents were very pleased and she is looking forward to 2018; she said people are hearing about the CDBG funding and are beginning to ask about the funds; there were a number of improvements in Parks and Recreation where there are two community centers in District 3 along with Chennault park, the Chennault golf course and the Lamy Lane park; she thanked everyone for pulling the information together for her and so often people feel like nothing is being done in the community, when in fact, a lot of things are being done; she said to Councilman Wilson as he talked about the floors at Emily P. Robinson, and that she has gone at looked at Powell and Marbles Community Centers and they both are old centers, but the floors were so nice, it was like seeing yourself in the mirrors on the floors; she thanked Mr. Johnson and his staff for a wonderful job they are doing; Marbles had wooden floors restored in the gymnasium and the restrooms and swimming pool were also renovated, there was extra money left in the Council's budget, new chairs and tables were bought for Marbles and Powell, and the list goes on; she said she wanted people to know for the record that a lot of things are being done in recreation and the community centers; there is a new sign at Lamyville Park, if you drive up, there is a really nice sign and that park is open and available and she does appreciate the signage there; she said one of the things she complained about at Powell was the blinds being torn up when she visited, and now there are all new blinds and it's really nice; the people that are using the facilities really do appreciate them; Chennault golf course had a lot of things done there and one of the things most visible was the security hut, that has been totally restored and do appreciate that as well as having the monkey bars and swing sets done; she said it is starting to come together and do appreciate parks, recreation and the Public works group for all they are doing; she said she was proud to announce 55 new businesses opened up in District 3, so Monroe is definitely growing by leaps and bounds

and am proud to be a part of it and do appreciate them for serving in their capacity; she said things that they are looking to do in 2018 is the cross walk at Renwick and 165 and thinks that we are off to a great start.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Clark, the minutes of the Legal and Regular session of December 27, 2017 were approved unanimously. (There were no public comments.)

PRESENTATIONS: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS: Public Comment: NONE.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS: Public Comment

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Matcon Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$30,600.00 for a structure located at 1303 Parkview Drive, East Parkview Neighborhood under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Moderate Emergency Housing Rehabilitation Program as recommended by the Planning & Urban Development Director as being the lowest and best bid meeting the specifications. The homeowner is responsible for \$5,600.00 Grant limits may be exceeded only when funding is available and a hardship can be documented. Hardships cases will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. This structure was bid on November 16, 2017 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Matcon Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$43,450.00 for a structure located at 1400 Parkview Drive, East Parkview Neighborhood under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Moderate Emergency Housing Rehabilitation Program as recommended by the Planning & Urban Development Director as being the lowest and best bid meeting the specifications. The homeowner is responsible for \$18,450.00 Grant limits may be exceeded only when funding is available and a hardship can be documented. Hardships cases will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. This structure was bid on November 16, 2017 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Matcon Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$37,350.00 for a structure located at 3702 Gayton Street, Booker T. Washington Neighborhood under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Senior Housing Rehabilitation Program as recommended by the Planning & Urban Development Director as being the lowest and best bid meeting the specifications. The homeowner is responsible for \$12,350.00 Grant limits may be exceeded only when funding is available and a hardship can be documented. Hardships cases will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. This structure was bid on November 16, 2017 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(d) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Matcon Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$30,500.00 for a structure located at 909 South 4th Street, Ouachita Cotton Mills Neighborhood under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Senior Housing Rehabilitation Program as recommended by the Planning & Urban Development Director as being the lowest and best bid meeting the specifications. The homeowner is responsible for \$5,500.00 Grant limits may be exceeded only when funding is available and a hardship can be documented. Hardships cases will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. This structure was bid on November 16, 2017 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(e) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of VSS, LLC of Madison, MS for Body Cam Server for the Police Department Ref# 2018-00000029 as recommended by the Director of Administration as being the lowest responsive bid. VSS, LLC complies with the specifications and requirements for this bid and has been cleared by the Tax and Revenue Division. Funds for this purchase will be derived from the Police Department Capital Account. The estimated cost is \$75,999.00. (There were no public comments.)

(f) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Stop Stick of Harrison, OH for Portable Alert System for the Police Department Ref# 2018-00000028 as recommended by the Director of Administration as being the lowest responsive bid. Stop Stick complies with

the specifications and requirements for this bid and has been cleared by the Tax and Revenue Division. Funds for this purchase will be derived from the Police Department Capital Account. The estimated cost is \$38,126.30. (There were no public comments.)

(g) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, a second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of WatchGuard of Allen, TX for Body Cameras for the Police Department Ref# 2018-00000027 as recommended by the Director of Administration as being the lowest responsive bid. WatchGuard complies with the specifications and requirements for this bid and has been cleared by the Tax and Revenue Division. Funds for this purchase will be derived from the Police Department Capital Account. The estimated cost is \$182,075.00. (There were no public comments.)

Comments:

Ms. Woods said the lowest bid appeared to be \$96,000 by Digital Alley compared to the \$182,075 by Watchguard; Mr. Gibson said Digital Alley did not meet the bid specifications and they had to go to the next one.

(h) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Mobile Wireless of Plano, TX for Mobile VPN for the Police Department Ref# 2018-00000026 as recommended by the Director of Administration as being the lowest responsive bid. VSS, LLC complies with the specifications and requirements for this bid and has been cleared by the Tax and Revenue Division. Funds for this purchase will be derived from the Police Department Capital Account. The estimated cost is \$31,185.00. (There were no public comments.)

(i) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, a second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of VSS, LLC of Madison, MS for Laptops Device for the Police Department Ref# 2018-00000025 as recommended by the Director of Administration as being the lowest responsive bid. VSS, LLC complies with the specifications and requirements for this bid and has been cleared by the Tax and Revenue Division. Funds for this purchase will be derived from the Police Department Capital Account. The estimated cost is \$167,096.25. (There were no public comments.)

(j) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Leica Geo of Narcross, GA for 3D Scanners for the Police Department Ref# 2018-00000024 as recommended by the Director of Administration as being the lowest responsive bid. Leica Geo complies with the specifications and requirements for this bid and has been cleared by the Tax and Revenue Division. Funds for this purchase will be derived from the Police Department Capital Account. The estimated cost is \$53,438.34. (There were no public comments.)

RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

Council: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7108, granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Twin Cities Krewe of Janus pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D. (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Department of Administration: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Consider one (1) Renewal Application for a New 2018 Class B Alcoholic Beverage Permit. The Monroe Police Department has no disqualifying records and Sales Tax has been approved. (Circle K) (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, a second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Consider request from the Purchasing Division of the Administration Department for authorization from the City Council to advertise for a one hundred eighty (180) day supply contract of petroleum products. Funds will be derived from the Inventory Account. The divisions will be billed accordingly. (There were no public comments.)

Department of Planning & Urban Development: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7109, amending the Board of Adjustment By-Laws, Rules and Procedures by removing all instances of “Special Exceptions” and “Use Variances”. (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7110, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a contract by and between the City of Monroe and Christopher Youth Center formerly known as Our House, Inc. under the **State of Louisiana Housing Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the Homeless (ESGP) FFY 17’** in the amount of \$75,000.00 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7111, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a contract by and between the City of Monroe and The Wellspring Alliance for Families under the State of **Louisiana Housing Corporation Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the Homeless (ESGP) FFY 17’** in the amount of \$75,000.00 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Legal Department: Public Comment: NONE.

Mayor’s Office: Public Comment: NONE.

Department of Public Works: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Consider request from the Water Treatment Division of the Public Works Department for authorization from the Council for Purchasing to advertise for a one (1) year supply contract of various water treatment chemicals with the option of two renewals. Funds will be derived from the Chemical Account. (There were no public comments.)

Department of Community Affairs: Public Comment: NONE.

Police Department: Public Comment: NONE.

Fire Department: Public Comment: NONE.

Engineering Services: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7112, accepting as substantially complete work done by and between the City of Monroe and Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc., for the Apple Street Pump Station Repairs Project, and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7113, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. One (1) to the WPCC Digester Roof Repairs XP-01f197 Contract, between the City of Monroe and Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc., for an increase in the contract amount of \$14,673.95 and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7114, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. One (1) to the Riverside Hiking Trail Contract, between the City of Monroe and Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc., for a decrease in the contract amount of \$140.21 and an increase in the contract time of 44 days and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(d) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, a second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7115, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. One (1) to the Apple Street Pump Station Repairs Contract, between the City of Monroe and Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc., for an increase in the contract time of 22 days and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(e) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7116, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a contract with James M. Standard & Associates, Inc., to provide Professional Electrical Engineering Services for the generator testing specification and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into a Utility Easement Agreement with Timothy Todd and further providing with respect thereto. (Legal) (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of the property described below and sell to James N. Detiege, all rights, title and interest that the City may have acquired to Lot 4, Block 5, Roosevelt Heights Addition, Ouachita Parish, District 5, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale Dated July 6, 2012, and further with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of the property described below and sell to Leon Smith, Jr. all rights, title and interest that the City may have acquired to Lot 22, Sq. 41, Booker T. Washington Addition, Ouachita Parish, District 3, Monroe, la, by Adjudication at Tax Sale dated July 7, 2000, and further with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(d) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, a second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of the property described below and sell to Tried Stone Baptist Church, all rights, title and interest that the City may have acquired to Lot 5, Block 5, Booker T. Washington Addition, Ouachita Parish, District 3, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale dated July 31, 2003, and further with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(e) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to acquire full ownership interest of the property described as Lot 21, Sq. 32-A Union Development Co. resub Ouachita Cotton Mills 2nd Addition, 1103 S 3rd St, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale dated July 6, 2012, and further with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(f) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, a second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to acquire full ownership interest of the property described as Lot 12, Union Development Co. resub Ouachita Cotton Mills 2nd Addition, 1205 S 3rd St, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale dated July 1, 2013, and further with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(g) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to acquire full ownership interest of the property described as Lot 6, Union Development Co. resub, Sq. 49 Ouachita Cotton Mills 2nd Addition, 1300 S 4th St, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale dated July 1, 2013, and further with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, a second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,819, amending adopted Ordinance No. 3,281 adopted on September 9, 1958, which annexed into the City five (5) separate areas for a total of approximately 72.0 acres to include a ±2.123 acre tract of land that was not contained in the original annexation. (P&Z)

Vice Chairwoman Woods opened the public hearing and coming forward:

Ms. Eva Wilson wanted to know the location of the land; Ms. Poret said it was part of the Tri-City Townhomes development, District Circle and Layman Drive.

Ms. Woods asked what was being done with this item; Ms. Poret said this was a section and for some reason no one seems to know that the portion was left out of the original annexation and it was discovered a few years ago when they were doing the lines and had to get in touch with the property owner and get his approval to move forward with it; she said right now it is not considered inside the City and it has been causing problems with public safety, police and fire, whenever there are issues in the area, and who responds to it; she said they wanted to clarify it and make sure it was added to the original annexation amendment; Ms. Woods asked where was it located; Ms. Poret said it was the Tri-City Town Homes Development.

With no one else coming forward, the hearing was declared closed.

Citizens Participation:

Ms. Martha Johnson, citizen, spoke in reference to her 2017 taxes; she stated her house burned down in 2015, located at 1309 Thomas Avenue and she couldn't afford to have it demolished at the time and the City declared it an emergency by Ms. Catherine Robinson; Ms. Robinson and Mr. Fisher told her at that time that they would tear it down for her, because she didn't have the funds and it was declared an emergency, because it was hazard and it could hurt someone; she was informed by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Robinson that she would not have to pay the money back for the demolition costs only if she decided to sell the property; she said when she got her taxes this year for 2017, the demolition cost was on the taxes in the amount of \$8,155.88 and she said she can't afford that amount; she said she doesn't want to sell the property and don't want to lose it, she wants to pay her taxes on the property because her grandfather left her the property and that's all that she owns in the world; she asked for assistance; she said she got in touch with Ms. Robinson and as she stated to her, that Mr. Fisher wasn't employed with the City anymore and just as she had the task of telling her that everything was alright and they would do it that she now had the task of telling her that it wasn't going to be done; she said she can't afford this amount because she is on a fixed income, once a month and can't afford \$8,000; she said she has talked with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clark and Ms. Summersgill about it and have been waiting; Ms. Summersgill said that she would be looking to try to get some monies that would be able to help her; she asked for answers and or to help her in anyway because she doesn't want to lose her property.

Ms. Downs spoke as the Interim Director of Community Development saying that she would be in touch with Ms. Johnson to assist her with the demolition costs.

Ms. Woods said they would like to know how it all works out and if she could be kept in the loop, she would appreciate it; Ms. Woods told Ms. Johnson that Councilman Wilson wanted her to get with him after the meeting.

Mr. Clark stated that he and Ms. Johnson have spoken a lot, and he did receive the email from Mrs. Summersgill last week and she was working on it and also, Councilman Wilson called him as well; he said they are trying to get Ms. Johnson some relief because he understands that taxes are due and this is a very important issue for her; he asked if Ms. Downs had a second after the meeting, since Ms. Johnson braved the cold and rain elements outside to come to the meeting tonight; he asked if Ms. Downs could give Ms. Johnson her contact information, or even make an appointment for a meeting and then to keep all of the Council informed, it would be appreciated.

Ms. Marilyn Denoux, citizen, said Marck Recycling on Pine Street is now accepting plastic, and they also accept paper, and cardboard; she said the recycling would help the landfills and the City; Ms. Denoux said Sol's pipe yard accepts cans and they will give you money for the aluminum and tin cans and she said this information may need to be verified; she said last Thursday, SCIA had an information presentation meeting on the Southside development projects, it was a very good presentation; she said when the sanitation pickup comes in the neighborhood they rake the leaves and put them on the curb, they are cleaning out the drain gutter; she asked if the citizens are supposed to bag the leaves that are left there and dispose of them, because they may fall back in the drain and they want to do what they can to help; Mr. Janway said they can use all the help they can get and will also buy the bags; Mr. Janway said the crews are trying to clear drains before and after the rains.

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Ms. Woods made an announcement concerning the upcoming January 23, 2018 Council meeting being rescheduled as follows: The Legal & Regular City Council meeting is rescheduled for Monday, January 22, 2018, 6:00 P.M., City Hall Council Chamber. The City officials will be attending the Washington lobbying trip in Washington D.C, with the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and State legislators on the regularly scheduled meeting date.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m., upon a motion of Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Ms. Juanita Woods
Council Vice-Chairwoman

Ms. Carolus S. Riley
Council Clerk

Ms. Jacqueline Benjamin
Council Secretary

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