

Monroe City Council Legal and Regular Session
February 27, 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 Gretchen Ezernack, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order; she asked the clerk to call the roll.

Council members, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Echols, Ms. Woods, and Mrs. Ezernack were present for roll call.

Council members absent: None.

Chairwoman Ezernack announced that a quorum was present; the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mayor Mayo and his designee, Rod Washington.

Chairwoman Ezernack thanked Rod Washington for the invocation.

Chairwoman Ezernack proceeded by acknowledging the time for special announcements and communications; she welcomed each one present and asked that cell phones are cut off or placed in the silent mode; she asked that side conversations be at a minimum due to the acoustics in the chambers, as conversations are heard from the back to the front and they can be distracting.

Mr. Echols thanked each one for being present and braving the weather tonight; he announced several District 1, Community meetings including the Belle Point Homeowners Association Annual meeting at St. Alban's Episcopal Church (Fellowship Hall), 2816 Deborah Drive on Monday, March 5, 2018 beginning at 5:30 P.M.; the main District 1 Community Meeting for the River Oaks, Plantation and other neighborhood areas will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., there will be representatives from engineering, water, sewer and different department heads will be present to discuss concerns regarding area flooding, water rates proposals and other issues; a March 15, 2018 community meeting hosted by the Garden District Neighborhood Alliance will be held at Grace Church gymnasium beginning at 6:00 p.m.; he recognized Mrs. Summersgill, Monroe City Attorney on her retirement and Mr. Curtis Heard, Budget Director on his retirement and service to the City; he recognized Mr. Janway and Mr. Westrom on their work throughout the City over the last couple of weeks during the rains that impacted the area with flood related issues and commended their efforts for doing preliminary work to alleviate the water pressure from the rain; he challenged neighbors to pick up leaves and debris around the drains in their areas to relieve the areas of flood issues related to clogged drains.

Ms. Woods welcomed each one present and thanked them for coming out in the rainy weather; she asked that the citizens would pick up the debris from the drains and the empty lots that are next door to them; she stated the city don't have the resources to pick up all debris and it will take the citizens to assist in cleaning up the debris; she thanked those who agreed to serve on the advisory council for District 3; the next advisory meeting is scheduled for March 5, 6pm at City Hall, Council conference room and she welcomed those who may interested to attend; she thanked Chief Ellis for his vision and also Officer Bates for his role in the Neighborhood watch meetings; the neighbors in Booker T are interested in developing street captains and block meetings; the first meeting will be the Cooper Street meeting and it will be held at the New Galilee Church and Officer Bates will be attending the meeting; she talked with Greg Smith, Beautification about cleaning the area, the city and making it a more beautiful place to live; the District 3 Community meeting will be held on March 19th and 20th to discuss the water and sewer rates, the meetings will be at Marbles and Powell Street recreation centers respectively and more information will be coming later.

Mr. Wilson welcomed each one present; he thanked Public Works for their assistance throughout his district; he thanked the citizens in District 4 for the event, Neighbors helping Neighbors as they cleaned the yards and ditches in their area; he announced the opening of the River market this weekend and there will be and citizens will be able to shop there this weekend; he thanked Mrs. Summersgill for all her assistance over the years and look forward to working with Ms. Baldwin; he welcomed Delta Community College to the meeting; he announced his District 4, Community Meeting on March 12th, 5:30p.m., Berean Baptist Church, 1317 South 10th Street and topics to be discussed will be water and sewer rates, projects including neighborhood watch and the budget; fliers will be disseminated to the public; he spoke regarding a phone call he received from a high school student whose concerns were the safety and protection of all young people; this student suggested having a forum for the students and hopefully the MPD Chief, Mayor, and a mental health specialist and others can be present at the forum; Mr. Wilson said he would be calling on leaders and his fellow Council members to see what can be done to help make

the community and the schools safe, there will be more discussed about this topic in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Clark wished everyone a good evening.

Mayor Mayo spoke regarding the reception for the outgoing Monroe City Attorney, Mrs. Summersgill and thanked her for her service rendered to the City; he announced his appointment for City Attorney, Ms. Angie Baldwin and thanked Mrs. Summersgill for bringing her in; he recognized Mr. Brandon Creekbaum, who has been with the city for a couple of months and he will be a huge help to the city; Mayor Mayo said he would be submitting her resume to the Council and presenting her to the Council on March 13, 2018 for confirmation; he acknowledged the delay of the final adoption of the water rates, because Council wanted to have meetings in their districts and there have been some meetings prior to tonight and the administration and staff will be at a meeting in each district, they are all set; he said a date for Mr. Clark's meeting is needed for District 5; Mr. Clark expressed he didn't have one at this time and Mayor Mayo said he needs a date for his meeting.

Mrs. Ezernack thanked Mrs. Summersgill for her work since she has been on the Council since 2010 and is looking forward to working with Ms. Baldwin and Mr. Creekbaum; she wished Mrs. Summersgill a wonderful retirement filled with joy; she recognized Mr. Heard and his work with the Council and wished him the best; she announced her District 2, Community meeting at Saul Adler, March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to that meeting as they will discuss district issues and water, sewer proposed increases; she yielded her time to Delta Community College; Mr. Phillip Staten, Veteran outreach coordinator for Delta Community College spoke regarding the Delta Community College's Veterans Upward Bound Program and a grant they secured which would give veterans the skills to pursue secondary education for an associates or bachelor's degree.

Upon a motion of Mr. Echols and seconded by Ms. Woods, the minutes of the Legal and Regular session of February 13, 2018 were approved unanimously. (There were no public comments.)

PRESENTATIONS: Stuart Hodnett, Ouachita Green Coordinator – Quarterly Update

Greg Smith, Keep Monroe Beautiful, Executive Director introduced Stuart Hodnett, Ouachita Green Coordinator; he would be giving the quarterly update relative to the cooperative endeavor agreement which the City of Monroe provides funds to Ouachita Green; Mr. Hodnett was joined by members of the Ouachita Business Alliance and their beautification program subcommittee.

Mr. Hodnett, commented on the events that Ouachita Green are involved with including picking up litter, which they had a litter abatement event several weeks ago on Riverside Drive, Hwy 165 North and South and they will continue to have their OG3 litter pickup days, every third Saturday for a total of 8-9 per year, picking up close to one thousand pounds of litter, cleaning the storm drains, ditches; He highlighted events that Ouachita Green has done this past quarter and handed out information on the events; he also handed out information on the Keep America Beautiful annual report which included the Great American Cleanup, Household Hazardous Waste, America Recycles, River sweep; Mrs. Ezernack thanked him for his efforts; Joe Holyfield thanked everyone for their support in creating the Ouachita Green organization and will be back to ask for additional support for the next three to five years; they will be moving further down 165 south and are putting things together to do some things on Winnsboro Road; Mr. Smith announced the Household Hazardous Waste day event on March 17, 2018 in West Monroe at the Ike Center and the Great American Cleanup is April 7, 2018, the rally point will be held at the Zoo; for more information visit the website, Ouachitagreen.org.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS:

1. 503 South 7th Street (D4) (Owner - William & Roberta J. Collins) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved for property owner to be given 90 days or May 27, 2018, in which to bring the structure into compliance with the code or demolish the structure and clean the lot.

Comments: Ms. Karen Goree, Code Enforcement Officer stated the property was to be remodeled and as of today nothing has been done and the inside is damaged.

Ms. Katie Collins, citizen, said she has been trying to get it fixed, but haven't been able to, and someone is trying to buy it, but the property is not in her name and they are trying to get that done; Mr. Wilson asked if they were

still living in the house; she said that can't get it fixed because she is not working and the home is not in her name, the property owners are deceased; Mr. Wilson asked the owner representatives to meet with Mrs. Goree after the meeting to get information on bringing the house up to compliance.

2. 903 Robin Street (D5) (Owner - Alvin Jackson & Letha C Jackson) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved for property owner to be given 90 days or May 27, 2018, in which to bring the structure into compliance with the code or demolish the structure and clean the lot.

Comments: Ms. Karen Goree, Code Enforcement Officer stated the property was burned in 2007 and the remodeling permit was pulled on yesterday and no contact has been made with the property owner; Mr. Clark asked Ms. Jackson what her plans were for the property and how much time did she need; she stated she had a permit to start working on it and would need at least six months.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to accept the bids of TDC, LLC, Harcros, Tanner Industries, Ecotech, Allied Universal and Shannon Chemical for a one (1) year supply contract of various Water Treatment Chemical Ref.#2018-00000032 as recommended by the Director of Administrator for complying with the bid specifications. The Vendor comply with the specification for this bid and is cleared by the Tax and Revenue Division. Funds will be derived from the Chemical Account. (There were no public comments).

RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

Council: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7138, granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Downtown Monroe Alliance (Downtown River Jams Concert Series 2018) 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. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to consider an application by KK Spirits LLC.(Kumar Khadaka) dba Smokers Oasis, Jackson St., Monroe, LA 71201 for a New 2018 Class B Alcoholic Beverage Permit. The Monroe Police Department has no disqualifying records and Sales Tax has been Cleared, CO-Cleared, Distance Report Cleared. (This item was passed over at the last meeting.)

Comments: Mr. Kumar Khadaka, citizen came forward; Mr. Wilson asked him if he had any other businesses in the city and he said no; Mr. Clark said his questions had all been answered by Ms. Rubby prior to the meeting and they did meet the distance requirements and another issues would not come from the city but from ATF; Ms. Eva Dyann Wilson stated the application was new and asked why it wasn't stated as a current business; the owner said it had been shut down for six months and he took over the business this year; Ms. Whitfield said there was a new owner at the location, Ms. Wilson asked if it was a new business; and Ms. Whitfield said it was an existing business with a new owner; Ms. Wilson said it was an existing business, but it was closed; Ms. Whitfield said it was at the same location; Ms. Wilson said the old owner is gone and left the business closed; Ms. Whitfield said yes; Ms. Wilson said so, it is a new business and Ms. Whitfield said, yes; Ms. Wilson said that was not the answer that she heard at first and asked for consideration regarding a new business at the location.

Department of Planning & Urban Development: Public Comment: None.

Legal Department: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7139, of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Louisiana, authorizing the appointment of an Administrative Hearing Officer(s) for the City of Monroe Environmental Court and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments: Ms. Summersgill stated Mr. Brandon Creekbaum and Ms. Angie Baldwin would both be the hearing officers.

Mayor's Office: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7140, appointing Jason Saucer to the Downtown Economic Development District Board and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments: Mr. Wilson asked for the total number of board members for DEED; Ms. Gatling said there were nine members and is not sure of the number of appointments by Mayor, Council, and the Chamber has some appointments and this appointment came from St. Francis as being their previous replacement; Mr. Wilson asked her to email him the number and names of appointments by the Council.

Department of Public Works: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Consider request from the Sewer Division of the Public Works Department for authorization to advertise for the Hadley Sewer Pump Station VFD Replacement. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$66,000.00. Funds will be derived from the Sewer Division Repairs and Maintenance Account. (There were no public comments.)

Department of Community Affairs: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7141, amending Resolution No. 7069 relative to the transfer of funds from the Economic Development Fund for repairs to the Saul Adler Community Center and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7142, approving and authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and the Monroe City School Board for drainage repairs to Monarch Field behind Marbles Recreation Center and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Comments: Mr. Johnson explained the agenda item; he stated Carroll High School had no field to play ball on and this field is being made ready for them to play; there is an urgency to get it ready, because if it rains it will flood the field; Mr. Echols asked what was being done for the Saul Adler fields as they have similar issues with drainage; Mr. Johnson said engineering has been out and they have plans to make arrangements to clear the water, as soon as they have dry days; Ms. Golden said Denmon Engineering did the survey work on the fields and it was decided that Public works could handle the issues; Mr. Holland explained the process of drainage with the two fields including getting the power located with the lighting and once located they will replace the existing storm drains.

(c) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7143, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, of the City of Monroe, to sign and execute a grant application to Louisiana State Parks 2018 Land, Water, and Conservation Fund for the demolition of the pools at the Swayze Natatorium, the construction of tennis courts at Forsythe Park, and the restoration of buildings associated with the Swayze Natatorium. (There were no public comments.)

Comments: Mr. Clark asked Mr. Guy about the projects that were discussed years ago for youth fields in the Oregon trail area; Mr. Guy explained the process and said it was still in the works; Mr. Echols asked him about the different phases to the Swayze natatorium demolition and it was explained by Mr. Guy the process for the demolition and the construction of the tennis courts; he will keep Mr. Echols abreast of the demolition and construction process and he asked for his presence at the Garden District Neighborhood Alliance meeting on March 15, 2018; Mr. Clark asked for the city's cost of the project and Mr. Guy said it should not be anything as they will apply for five other grants along with city in-kind service and without any other grants, the cost of the project today would be \$1.3 million, an in-kind service to balance the portion of grants without any other grants; the grant is a 50/50 match at \$250,000 per phase with a total of four phases and the project has been on the books since 2008 and the grants for the youth baseball fields have been on the books shorter than 2008; Mrs. Ezernack

explained this was to sign and execute the grant application and the response time after submitting the grant will be approximately less than six months.

Police Department: Public Comment: None.

Fire Department: Public Comment: None.

Engineering Services: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7144, accepting as substantially complete work done by and between the City of Monroe and C W & W Contractors, Inc., for the various Drainage Repairs Project, and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Comments: Mr. Wilson asked for an update on the Plum Street project and Mr. Holland said there was an unstable grate at the westbound lane area, it is a request for an emergency repair.

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7145, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. Thirteen (13) to the Wastewater System Improvements Program Basin MR-04/05/07 (A) 2 Rehabilitation Contract, between the City of Monroe and Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc., for a decrease in the contract amount of \$1,098,784.22 and an increase in the contract time of 5 days and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Comments: Mr. Echols asked about the substantial contract decrease amount and Ms. Golden and Mr. Holland explained the reason being that there are usually contract changes and Ms. Golden explained that initial the engineering work was done over a decade ago and some of the areas have been repaired and this is the reason for the decrease regarding the pipe bursting work; Mr. Echols said it was a material amount from an engineering perspective and a big number; Ms. Golden said this is what happens when things are stretched out as this was done and the alternative was to throw it all away and start over again and probably spent almost a million dollars on engineering and felt like it was better to go into the field and deal with it as it came up and it wasn't getting any cheaper to fix it.

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7146, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to execute Change Order No. Nine (9) to the North Area Sewer System Improvements Basin MR-27(A)30/31 Rehabilitation Contract, between the City of Monroe and Jabar Corporation, for an increase in the contract amount of \$96,042.50 and an increase in the contract time of 40 days and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance declaring certain movable property of the City of Monroe as being no longer needed for public use and further providing with respect thereto. (Property Control)

Comments: Mr. Wyatt Wilson, citizen, spoke regarding getting the engineering to cut a drainage on Plum Street underpass to the river because of the problems with flooding in the community near Wossman; Mrs. Ezernack suggested that Mr. Wilson would speak with Mr. Holland after the meeting regarding his matter.

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance Enacting Section Article IV, Small Wireless Facilities, of Chapter 32.5 of the Monroe City Code Entitled Telecommunications and further providing with respect thereto. (Legal)

Comments: Mr. Robert Vinay, North Louisiana Regional Director for AT&T, spoke regarding the agenda item and the proposal is an industry, technology neutral which does not benefit one particular carrier or any one industry stakeholder, it is pro investment and will encourage the investment.

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

(a) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,828, amendment to Chapter 37, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Monroe, Article II, Definitions and Rules of Interpretation, Sec 37-21 Definitions to add the definition of "Storage, large," and amend the definition of "Warehouse, wholesale and Storage" and Article III, Use Districts, Section 37-37 Commercial Use Districts, Table 3.3 Commercial Districts Permitted and Conditional Uses to add the use of "Storage, large," and amend the use of "Warehouse, wholesale and storage." (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,829, amendment to 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. (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,830, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a ±7.1 acre tract of land, more or less, from the R-1, Single Family Residential District to B-1, Neighborhood Mixed Use District located in Ouachita Parish and more particularly described as follows: South 90 feet of Lot 2, Alexander's Riverview Lots. And otherwise known as 4306 South Grand Street. North 105 feet of Lot 1 Alexander's Riverview Lots. And otherwise known as 4308 South Grand Street. South 90 feet Lot 1, Alexander's Riverview Lots and a lot in Biedenharn's Addition Beginning at intersection of N line Formosa Plantation with W line Monroe-Columbia Road, thence frtg 5,228.7 feet and extending W 675 feet to Ouachita River. And otherwise known as 4310 South Grand Street. Applicant: BMB Real Estate (P&Z)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(d) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,831, amending Ordinance No. 11,264 with Delta Airlines, Inc. authorizing a lease with Delta Airlines, Inc. with the City of Monroe/Monroe Regional Airport and further providing with respect thereto. (Airport)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(e) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,832, amending Ordinance No. 11,263 with American Airlines, Inc. authorizing a lease with American Airlines, Inc. with the City of Monroe/Monroe Regional Airport and further providing with respect thereto. (Airport)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(f) Upon a motion by Ms. Woods, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,833, approving and authorizing a lease with United Airlines, Inc. with the City of Monroe/ Monroe Regional Airport and further providing with respect thereto (Airport)

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(g) ADD-ON: Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to add to the agenda to adopt an Emergency Ordinance declaring the condition of the grate frames and seats at the Plum Street underpass to be an emergency necessitating immediate repairs and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 11,834, declaring the condition of the grate frames and seats at the Plum Street underpass to be an emergency necessitating immediate repairs and further providing with respect thereto.

Mr. Wilson inquired if this work was a part of the project repair work that was done recently; Mr. Holland explained why the work was being done and decided it was safer to close off the area and remove and replace the grates and the emergency work price is \$105,000, the closure information to the public was updated; Mr. Echols asked if this was part of the new build that need to be fixed; Mr. Holland said they are changing the framework which supports the grates and these are bolted in place; Mr. Echols asked who did the engineering on this David Dumas and Associates did the work on this project; Mr. Echols asked if we had some type of recourse if it was engineered wrong, it's shaking, and is designed where the rocks are coming through and flowing into the pump station; Mr. Holland said the rocks weren't flowing through and Mr. Echols said he was reading where it said smaller openings to prevent rocks; Mr. Holland said that was working real well, this is the frame work to support the grates; Ms. Golden said she was coming to defend her engineer and explained the slope improvements that were made are fine and the work done at the top of the hill to the catch basin to the storm drain are all working fine; the existing trench boxes that were in the pavement had grates on top and the opening on the grates were too big and it allowed big rocks in and they came back with a series of plates that had slots, it keeps the rocks out but it transfers more of the load to the concrete of the trench boxes and she explained the reason they are failing is because there is a bump in the road, a buildup of asphalt and also the process by which it will be completed.

Chairwoman Ezernack opened the public hearing and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

Citizens Participation

1. Tyrone Dickens, expressed his appreciation for citizens coming out to his event; he asked if business owners would clean up around their buildings on the southside; he expressed his concern for getting lighting in the Parkview apartment areas for the safety of the citizens; he asked for the community to help give the students at the Vision Academy some direction, so that they will know what they would like to do after graduation.
2. Wardell Coward, spoke regarding SEDD meetings and doing great things in the District; they are not doing things in secret, but they are doing things right for the district.
3. Chris Robinson, spoke regarding the drainage at the Saul Adler baseball fields and how important it is to the economics of the city, with many games being scheduled to play at Saul Adler, but more than half of them last year were cancelled due to the drainage problems on the fields not being solved; seventeen teams that were scheduled to play in Monroe were cancelled today due to the teams not being able to play in Embanato field because it was not usable; the games are being moved to Sterlington due to the drainage issues at the fields; he asked that the situation be resolved so that games can be played.
4. Ray Jones Jr., spoke regarding his support of success for the City of Monroe; he spoke regarding the economic development District, SEDD and the funding stream; he asked that each person read the statute for SEDD and understand the statute as the Southside has a golden opportunity with SEDD.
5. Robert Johnson, spoke regarding help for the sanitation workers; he voiced his concern for safety measures at the recreation centers due to the shootings and also for repairing the drainage at the ball fields; he supported the fact that the city is taking the water rate increase to the public because the city has increased with more housing and said they need to stop fighting and look at what is happening, because the water is needed; the judging need to stop and be a part of the team; he congratulated Mrs. Summersgill on her retirement.
6. Eva Dyann Wilson, invited the public to the Southside Community Involvement Association's meeting on Thursday, 6pm at Emily P. Robinson Community Center, 3504 Jackson Street; she stated city hall and associates have been invited to come and discuss the proposed water rates increases and improvements.

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Mrs. Ezernack thanked Mrs. Summersgill for her work with the City.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m., upon a motion of Mr. Echols and seconded by Ms. Woods.

Mrs. Gretchen Ezernack
Council Chairwoman

Ms. Carolus S. Riley
Council Clerk

Ms. Jacqueline Benjamin
Council Secretary

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