

Monroe City Council Legal and Regular Session
October 8, 2019
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, October 8, 2019 at the Council's regular meeting place, 400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, City Council Chambers/City Hall Building, Monroe, Louisiana.

The Honorable Juanita G. Woods, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order and asked the Council Clerk to call the roll.

Council members present for roll call: Mrs. Gretchen Ezernack, Ms. Juanita Woods, Mr. Michael Echols, Mr. Kenneth Wilson, and Mr. Eddie Clark.

Council members absent: None.

Chairwoman Woods declared a quorum.

The Invocation was led by designee, Rev. Auburn Robinson, Tried Stone Baptist Church, Senior Pastor and the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Woods.

COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mr. Echols welcomed each one present; he announced the tentatively planned District 1 Community Meeting to be held on Monday, November 4, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at St. Alban's Church. The Department heads, Mayor Mayo, Administration, and City officials have been invited for the citizens to be able to ask questions relating concerns and get feedback from the citizens; he encouraged all to attend and a notice have already been sent to the Administration requesting that the department heads be able to attend and do have expectation there will be a good crowd, a lot of questions, with good information shared; information about the meeting will be shared on social media for neighbors and friends. He reminded everyone to vote on Saturday, it's our duty to cast our vote and to find good people to do their job as civic leaders. Mr. Echols stated he wanted to address concerns and questions that he has been getting over the last two weeks from the last Council meeting and that he made some requests that he asked they would be followed upon concerning reports and planning; he said he didn't see it on the agenda and would make the request again. He stated during the last meeting, that he asked for a report on current crime issues and current crime stats, and where we are as a City; he said we continue to see multiple murders, robberies, burglaries, and it is a concern for the citizens of not only District 1, but through all of the City of Monroe; he asked that someone from the Police department, administration or anywhere and everywhere would come and give a report on both what is happening in the City and what tactical things are being done, or planning on doing to address some of the challenges going forward; he stated there was another request in the meeting and it was about a plan related to the One Stop; he said he did get a memo that said everyone would get together soon and plan for, work flows, building designs, and an efficient citizen friendly facility; he said all of that is great, but before we spend a million dollars on a building he would ask that we would plan to effectively put together the services that are needed before we go out and spend money on a facility that we might not have the capacity for all the stuff needed to be done; he asked for a report or plan on what we are trying to do with the One Stop. Mr. Echols stated, knowing that his fellow Council members have been bombarded with requests and concerns and have watched the news reports, asked for a plan for trash pickup and the issues that it is causing; he said we need a short term plan to facilitate some of the issues, that we are having with the citizens, whether it is a source to drop off materials in the interim, while waiting on the new equipment to come in; he said something tactfully that will alleviate some of the burden being put on what is an expectation from the constituents and citizens of the city, albeit, a small strategy in the interim until this issue can be remediated; he asked that we come up with something that can provide a little bit of relief for the massive amounts of debris that are accumulating around our City; he asked for a long time plan to go out and ensure that those illegally dumping and creating a burden on our fellow constituents that we are able to find them and ensure that the people dumping will not want to do it again; he thanked Ms. Woods for being vigilant in going out on film and to try to tackle the problem, although it could have been a slightly dangerous situation, but thanked her for her efforts of getting out in the field and making efforts to find the culprits and turn them over to law enforcement; he asked the citizens, as those in District One have sent videos and he sent them to Code Enforcement, whether someone is blowing leaves into the ditch or whether someone is dumping trash illegally, or stacking it too high, it is being reported as it is sent to him. He asked that it be sent to michaielechols@gmail.com or cell 366-7370 and will pass it on to Administration, so they can follow up. He asked for a comprehensive plan on the parks and improvements and stated that he has made this request and will continue to ask at each meeting. He asked for a thorough report from the departments outside of a budget report meeting to give us some oversight, some perspective on what's coming in the future on crime, on the One Stop, the trash, parks and improvements and will continue to ask at each meeting until we have some

form of presentation so that the general public can hear as well as his fellow Council men and women, he said he hasn't talked with them about this, but if he is being asked of questions and concerns, he will be more than happy to share information on what is being shared to him. He said these questions and concerns are asked of him by his constituents and hope to share this information at the upcoming District 1 meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019, St. Alban's at 5:30 p.m.

2. Mrs. Ezernack welcomed each one present and thanked them for attending; she thanked the Community Affairs, the Parks staff, also Public Works for their work at Saul Adler; the parking lot is completed, and she thanked Ms. Golden and everyone else involved, it is on tonight's agenda to accept it; she said it has been worked on for a long time, it looks good and it is long overdue, due to the floods and now it is completed. There is a lot of work being done on the ball fields, still some things to be done; she thanked Mr. Johnson, the Monroe baseball organization, families, and constituents for all working together.

3. Mr. Wilson welcomed each and thanked them for attending. He stated during last week that neighbors were helping neighbors and as stated by Councilman Echols, with the trash issue, that does know that the citizens aren't putting it there, but others are coming into the City and illegally dumping; he said a couple called him who lives in Tanglewood who caught someone dumping a couch and refrigerator in their area and he referred them to the Police Jury; he said the people are listening and they are hearing what is being said; he has gone from door to door, and have asked them not to put themselves in harms way, but call Code Enforcement, Police department; he thanked Chairwoman Woods for going above and beyond the duty. He said the only way this can be done is that we all must work together, it will be a team effort and it is awful from Districts 1-5; he said he drove through District 5 and also spoke with Mayor Mayo at Copelands about the issue with the limbs and they are being cut by a contractor who left the limbs laying in the ditches and this is stopping the flow of water for drainage; he said he will be talking more about it and do see some residents present at tonight's meeting that may speak on the same issue; he asked that the concerned citizens would call him at 789-9519 and any pictures can be sent to him and they will be passed on. He offered his condolences to the family of the young lady who lost her life to domestic violence. He quoted the scripture of 2 Chronicles 7:4, If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins, and I will restore the land. He said after saying this, we must go to work, come together, get on the street corners, talk with our neighbors; he said he spoke with someone who told him they are not coming to the church, and they will have to come to them and talk with each family member, that has been affected by death. He asked that during each Council meeting, that the Pastors, leaders would come; he said when Jesus told Adam and Eve, every tree that they should eat of but one tree, which was the forbidden tree, to not eat; he said we have left the boundaries and need to get back to the boundaries and will have Pastors coming and will be connected to drive the demons out of the city, state and parish. Everyday citizens can make this happen, and to continue to pray for the City and each other.

4. Mr. Clark welcomed each one present; he stated to piggyback off of his colleagues, that they are correct that crime has gotten out of hand; he commended law enforcement who are out daily putting their lives at risk trying to address crime; he said no one is turning a blind eye to the fact that we need the community involved, as we all need to come together to address what appears to be some type of epidemic in our City. Mr. Clark stated, crime has to be addressed and it has to be addressed head on and no one can turn a blind eye to it, it is not doubt that we will overcome it. He thanked the Administration, Ms. Angela Campbell for her email and Ms. Jacqueline Benjamin for being vigilant in keeping the Council updated with respect to the status of the water condition on McGee Street and understands an email was received stating the bids for this project are due by October 9, 2019, 11am and help is on the way for those living off Marx, South 6th and more specifically McGee Street.

5. Mayor Mayo welcomed each one present and said he would start off with the good things and then would do his editorial at the end; Mayor Mayo stated, there were two events that he had the privilege of attending, one was in New Orleans, the Saturday before last; it was sponsored by the Urban League and the Legislative Black Caucus and they asked five of the largest city's Mayors in the State of Louisiana to come down to talk about how to bring the State together as it relates to Economic Development, Education, Mental Challenges, etc. He said it was a very good summit and a lot of progress was made, it stemmed from the Urban League coming around the state to have some listening meetings and one was at La. Delta Community College, and normally after a meeting you don't hear anything else but they have already gotten information on what they want done next. The theme of the meeting was Lacing Up the Boot and lacing up the State boot all the way from the North to the South and from South to the North, it was one of the best conferences attended. He said he got up at 4:00 a.m. this morning to go to Baton Rouge to be on another panel discussion to talk about the health initiatives throughout the State and do appreciate the City of Monroe as being recognized for some things done to impact and to let everyone

know what the City is doing; he said three Mayors including Baton Rouge Mayor Broome, Lake Charles Mayor Hunter and himself, along with Shreveport's Mayor who couldn't attend due to budget meetings. He said on his 60 for 60 list, he is supporting and advocating healthcare as well as healthy lifestyles, and a couple of folks from the City of Monroe attended the meeting with him. He said concerning some of the things that have been mentioned and do know it is political season, and do understand there is some grand standing, some political rhetoric that goes on sometimes. Mayor Mayo stated, he thinks we all know that there are some crime issues that we have here and the thing about it from the Administrative standpoint is his Department and Division heads and employees work extremely hard each and every day providing services to the community and they have been doing it for some time and do a lot of good work and some times things break down and we have challenges, and it has to be addressed; he said we realize we are public servants and they look at us and want that to continue in a consistent way and do try to do that when we can, and when we aren't able to we communicate it; there is not an administration in this region that is more open and transparent as we are in terms of press briefings, writing articles, being on the radio, answering requests from the media, to talking about different things; he said, you all remember, when I went off on a group in Mr. Echols' District that came and criticized that we were bringing in a crime consultant because Mr. Glen Post, Century Link's former President and CEO asked him to do so and he said to them and what really concerned him was they had been meeting with Project Saves for many weeks and haven't seen any of them come to the meeting to be a part of helping them put something together; he said, I think you all know me by now, that I'm not going to sit back and be dictated to, my dad died in 1978, and you aren't going to talk to me or anybody else that way and demand anything and knowing that we are trying to do everything we possibly can do; he said we have communicated and the media has been here and have printed it out and the citizens that will listen, know concerning the trash situation what the issues are; he said they completed the situation after the flood of 2016, and was through before most municipalities even started because we used our own equipment and was picking up all kinds of stuff and then before some people even started we were halfway through or completed; he said Tom Janway and his folks in Public Works worked extremely hard each and every day; he said he knows the citizens are upset about it and do understand that, but are trying to do the best that can be done to alleviate it; he said regarding the One Stop situation, he met with the Chamber of Commerce and talked about the need to do it and they have been trying to get it done and are finally getting it done. Mayor Mayo said he would not allow you, without confronting this to try to spin it and talk about comprehensive plans; he said he was doing comprehensive plans while you were in grade school, high school and do know that you hear me, yes we were doing comprehensive plans, we know the things we need to do once there are issues that come up. Mayor Mayo said concerning the crime stats, they meet on the crime stats every week, the Chief, The Assistant Police and they give them the crime stats and had a three hour meeting the other day breaking down everything to see what were some of the causes and have talked about them publicly; there have been 12 or 13 violent crimes related to homicides this year and only two were not shootings and they were altercations, disputes, drugs, people knowing each other and this all have been reported; he said to keep grandstanding, keep politicizing, and this has been talked about; the administration released it and do want to know why would District 1 not listen to what they say, but would listen to what he say and not come to a meeting; he said he has a lot of friends and people he know, they are his constituents too and why don't they call and ask him, because they put it all out there and will not be dictated to, by him or anybody else, telling them what they are not doing and demanding things; he said they will keep doing what they have done to communicate in the very best way they can; he said, you keep politicizing and he is up for the course.

Ms. Woods wished everyone a good evening; she acknowledged and wished a happy and safe Homecoming for two area schools, Carroll High whose queen is Dejanik Harmuse and Neville High's queen is Ava Dixon; she congratulated each school; Ms. Woods said she heard about herself in the paper and saw herself on Facebook and Mr. Echols said she was being brave, but she said she think she was being crazy; she said she saw the person driving in the neighborhood during that time of day and asked, where were they going in the neighborhood with all of the stuff on a trailer; she said she followed them, but had someone with her and didn't do it along, and that she is not advocating that someone should go out and do this, but to get the license plate, and call someone, take pictures; she did go to them and asked them what were they doing and did have her phone to call the police and they did go away, and probably went somewhere else and dumped, just didn't dump there; she said we are challenged with a problem, and is very confident that it will get corrected, but in the interim, if you see something, say something.

Upon a motion of Mr. Clark and a second by Mr. Wilson, the minutes of the Legal and Regular session of September 24, 2019 were unanimously approved. (There were no public comments).

PRESENTATION: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS: Public Comment: NONE.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS: (Public Comment)

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Ferrara Fire Apparatus for Monroe Fire Department Bunker Gear Ref#2020-00000018 as recommended by the Director of Administration as meeting the specifications of this bid. Funds will be derived from the Fire Department Supply Account. The Tax & Revenue Division has confirmed that this bidder is tax compliant. (There were no public comments).

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the proposal of Bears Towing & Recovery for City Wide Towing Ref#2020-00000021 as recommended by the Director of Administration as meeting the specifications of this proposal. The Funds will be derived from the responsible department. The Tax & Revenue Division has confirmed that this bidder is tax compliant. (There were no public comments).

ADD-ON: (c) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to add to the agenda to Accept the bid of Empire Truck Sales for the Public Works Department for three (3) Knuckleboom Trash Loaders and Dump Body; Ref. #2020-00000020 as recommended by Public Works. The funds will be derived from the Sanitation Capital Account and the Capital Special Revenue Fund. The Tax & Revenue Division has confirmed that this bidder is tax compliant. (There were no public comments).

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Empire Truck Sales for the Public Works Department for three (3) Knuckleboom Trash Loaders and Dump Body; Ref. #2020-00000020 as recommended by Public Works. The funds will be derived from the Sanitation Capital Account and the Capital Special Revenue Fund. The Tax & Revenue Division has confirmed that this bidder is tax compliant. (There were no public comments).

Comments: Mr. Janway stated, this agenda item was bids for three additional trash loaders and there is an additional emergency add-on for four garbage trucks and they are in addition to the three to be received prior to the end of October. It is an emergency because they said the sooner they are ordered, the sooner it can be placed in line, they don't start manufacturing the trucks until they have a purchase order and are optimistic that the trucks will be received around February.

ADD-ON: (d) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to add to the agenda to Accept the bid of Empire Truck Sales for the Public Works Department for four (4) Refuse Collection Trucks; Ref. #2020-00000023 as recommended by Public Works. The funds will be derived from the Sanitation Capital Account and the Capital Special Revenue Fund. The Tax & Revenue Division has confirmed that this bidder is tax compliant. (There were no public comments).

(d) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Accept the bid of Empire Truck Sales for the Public Works Department for four (4) Refuse Collection Trucks; Ref. #2020-00000023 as recommended by Public Works. The funds will be derived from the Sanitation Capital Account and the Capital Special Revenue Fund. The Tax & Revenue Division has confirmed that this bidder is tax compliant. (There were no public comments).

Comments: Mr. Janway said the expected delivery is around the same time frame and a refuse truck is a garbage truck and will be getting four.

Ms. Woods acknowledged a group of people to enter the Chambers and would pause to see who they were; Mr. Emmanuel Brown Jr. came forward representing the group present, including parents for the youth group, Roe City bulldogs. He stated to help with stopping the violence, they engaged this group of young people in sports and this summer and in following the proper steps to assist with the youth organization and having programs cut, he asked employees at the recreation center refused to answer his questions about why the programs had been cut. Mayor Mayo said he was correct and found out about it at 4:00 pm today that the program was cut; he said

there would be an abbreviated season because it should not have been cut and his staff will put it together, the ball was dropped; Mr. Brown said in addition to football, they need to get all the programs back up and running; Mayor Mayo said there will be a season and they will get back on track and will deal with it internally. Mr. Robert Johnson, Community Affairs, said from now on the buck stops with him. Mr. Brown thanked them for answering his questions. Mr. Johnson said he didn't cut the program, but it's his fault. Mayor Mayo said it would get done. Ms. Woods commended Ms. Brown for the great job he is doing and thanked him for coming and making them aware of what is going on. Mr. Wilson thanked the Coach and volunteers for their help with the children.

VIII: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

Council: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 7565, granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to Twin City Art Foundation (pARTy 318) pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D. (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 7566, granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to Marion G. Gallien (Bounce & Paint) 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: None.

Department of Planning & Urban Development: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7567, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Monroe and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Mt. Pleasant Community Development Corporation, Inc. of \$36,000.00 from Home M-18-MC-22-0206, and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments: Mr. Wilson thanked the Board of Directors for giving people the opportunity to own their homes and understands this program has been ongoing for several years; the majority of the homes are in District 4. Mrs. Ezernack thanked Ms. Hill for the additional information clarifying what was going on and everyone involved in the great program.

ADD-ON: (b) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to add to the agenda to Adopt a Resolution in support of the 2020 United States Census and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(b) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7568, in support of the 2020 United States Census and further providing with respect thereto.

Comments: Mr. Chip Taylor, U.S. Census Department thanked Ms. Hill for allowing the resolution and explained the support and help needed by the City of Monroe for the Census.

Legal Department: Public Comment: NONE.

Mayor's Office: Public Comment: NONE.

Department of Public Works: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7569, authorizing Mayor James E. Mayo to submit an application for State Financial Assistance to the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (LA DOTD) for the Monroe Regional Airport and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 7570, authorizing the issuance of a Fuel Permit with respect to sale and/or storage of gasoline or other fuel at the Monroe Regional Airport to Daveair LLC, which permit will be for a period of twelve months and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Department of Community Affairs: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 7571, approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Monroe and Twin City BMX for use of the Civic Center Horse Pavilion and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(b) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7572, authorizing a Maintenance Service Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc. for the maintenance of the heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment at the Monroe Civic Center Complex and Convention Center and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Police Department: Public Comment: None.

ADD-ON: (a) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to add to the agenda to adopt a Resolution authorizing James E. Mayo to sign and accept a Louisiana Highway Safety Enforcement Commission grant for the 2020 Fiscal Year Grant and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(a) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution 7573, authorizing James E. Mayo to sign and accept a Louisiana Highway Safety Enforcement Commission grant for the 2020 Fiscal Year Grant and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Fire Department: Public Comment:

(a) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution 7574, releasing the Louisiana State Fire Marshal and any other state entity from responsibility or liability for those inspections performed by the Monroe Fire Prevention Bureau within the jurisdiction of the City of Monroe and further providing with respect thereto.

Comments: Mrs. Ezernack asked for more information; Chief Williams said it was a new requirement by the State Fire Marshal, and it releases the State Fire Marshal from any liability of inspections that the City conducts; Ms. Woods asked what types of liabilities; Chief Williams said they are licensed by the State Fire Marshal to conduct inspections; he gave examples of doing inspections on behalf of the State, saying if they make a mistake, then the State Fire Marshal is not held responsible. Mr. Echols asked if this included the reviewing of a plan by the State and relieving them of liability when they review a plan and send them back approved or not disapproved, and if this was only for the city inspections and not the front part of the process; Chief Williams said that was correct, when the State Fire Marshal approves a plan, then they send them back down, the City Fire inspects them according to what he sends back down and if he sends some reviews back and there are some faults, then he's at fault, because they conducted the inspection according to them. Mr. Echols asked if it meant that if the State sends the City a report and if the City follows his work or don't follow his work, then the City is responsible if they don't follow his recommendations; if you do what is said to do and follow his inspections, then you are okay and if we don't follow his directions, then we are liable.

Engineering Services: Public Comment:

(a)) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7575, requesting to reject all bids received on September 17, 2019 for the WTP Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

Comments: Mr. Echols asked for the budgeted number for the project; Ms. Golden said the bids were over \$100,000 high and believe it's because there was a compressed timeframe and the idea was to get the job done before the expansion project started; they will reject all bids and put it out for bids in 18 months, sometime during the 2nd phase expansion. Mr. Echols asked for an explanation of the project component; Ms. Golden said it was a regular maintenance activity of one of the large water storage tanks at the water treatment plant, to clean and paint it inside out, some repairs to the baffels and some things that the inspection revealed that needed to be addressed. Ms. Echols asked if this would impact the supply if doing this before having the bays up, Ms. Golden

said it would not, it is in serviceable condition and will not create any problem by putting the work off after the expansion. Mr. Echols asked if they move forward with this now with one of the bids, if it would impact the supply and Ms. Golden said no, they can handle it; it's a money thing, \$100,000. The Engineering estimate was \$496,000 and they all came in over \$100,000 and thinks it's too much.

(b) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution 7576, accepting as substantially complete work done by and between the City of Monroe and Amethyst Construction, Inc., for the Saul Adler Parking Lot Improvements Project, and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

(c) Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, second by Mrs. Ezernack and unanimously approved to Adopt Resolution No. 7577, authorizing James E. Mayo, Mayor, to enter into and execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to a contract with S.E. Huey Company, to provide Professional Engineering Services for the MTS Bus Wash Facility Project and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments).

BREAK IF NEEDED:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: Public Comment: None.

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

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(a) Upon a motion by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to pass over until the next meeting to Finally adopt an Ordinance amendment to Chapter 37, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Monroe, Article IX Administration and Enforcement, Section 37-131 Violations (d) Penalty to revise the penalties imposed for Ordinance violations. (P&Z) (There were no comments).

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing: Chairwoman Woods declared the Public Hearing open and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(b) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,956, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a ±.34 acre tract of land, more or less presently located in Ouachita Parish and more particularly described as follows: **Lots 17 & 18, Square 3, Sherrouse Park Addition, Unit 1 (otherwise known as 206 Darbonne Street)**, APPLICANT: Markus Bosley – (P&Z)

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing: Chairwoman Woods declared the Public Hearing open and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(c) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,957, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a ±.26 acre tract of land, presently located in Ouachita Parish and more particularly described as follows: **Lot 6, Square 17 of Cole's Addition (otherwise known as 800 Sterlington Road)**, APPLICANT: T.I.L. Holdings LLC – (P&Z)

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing: Chairwoman Woods declared the Public Hearing open and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(d) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Clark and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,958, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a ±1.43 acre tract of land, presently located in Ouachita Parish and more particularly described as follows: **1400 block of Oliver Road**, APPLICANT: NOE Holdings, LLC – (P&Z)

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing: Chairwoman Woods declared the Public Hearing open and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(e) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Echols and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,959, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a ± 2.639 acre tract of land, presently located in Ouachita Parish and more particularly described as follows: **1400 block of Oliver Road**, APPLICANT: NOE Holdings LLC – (P&Z)

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing: Chairwoman Woods declared the Public Hearing open and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(f) Upon a motion by Mrs. Ezernack, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,960, adopting and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe, Louisiana to zone a $\pm .79$ acre tract of land, presently located in Ouachita Parish and more particularly described as follows: **5321 DeSiard Street**, APPLICANT: Joshua Chambliss – (P&Z)

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing: Chairwoman Woods declared the Public Hearing open and seeing no one come forward, the hearing was declared closed.

(g) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Ordinance No. 11,961, authorizing the City of Monroe to take Corporeal Possession of the property described below and sell to Kenneth Lavall all rights, title and interest that the City may have acquired to Lot 1, Sq. 3, Maryland Addition, Ouachita Parish, District 2, Monroe, La, by adjudication at Tax Sale dated July 1, 2013, and further with respect thereto. (Legal)

(h) Upon a motion by Mr. Echols, second by Mr. Wilson and unanimously approved to Finally adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 11,962, declaring the condition of the Calypso St. Pump Station to be an Emergency necessitating shoring and stabilization and other repairs and further providing with respect thereto. (Public Wks.) (There were no public comments).

Comments: Mr. Echols asked for an update on the Calypso pump station, the integrity all together and do know there have been several that had a temporary pump, pumping out the pump station; he asked if the two other pumps gotten back online and do, we expect to replace temporarily, short or long term, or the third pump. Mr. Janway said the pump station has three permanent pumps and had to last year remove one of the pumps because of the structural integrity of the pump station; the second pump in the middle of the platform had to be shut down due to vibration issues and did notice further deterioration on the structure; this pump station is on only when the river is up, and it gives time to have an auxiliary pump set up in the event of high water on the river and can keep the downtown area dry; he said they took pictures last year that showed significant structural deterioration on it and there were professional engineers in this past week and took pictures and compared them to what was taken on last year and there was significant additional deterioration on the pump station and it has reached the end of it's useful life cycle and this showing will only stabilize the station as it is right now and if the river comes up again before there is a final repair, a replacement to the pump station, then auxiliary pumps will need to be brought in to protect downtown Monroe. Mr. Echols said this project has been on the drawing board for some time to replace \$3 to \$8 million dollars broad structs; he asked if there was any engineering complete on this or anything for the replacement pump, in the event we get in line for capital outlay or some other funding source. Ms. Golden said they did get it into the bill, this most recent legislative session, \$3 million for the Calypso Pump Station to replace, repair or relocate and about \$1.5 million in priority two and \$1.5 million in priority five and they are working on moving some of priority two into priority one so that the preliminary engineering can be done, but do have Smith on board and they are putting together a fee proposal for the feasibility study and this is the next step; had a meeting this week to discuss the next step of preliminary and evaluation phases. Mr. Echols stated this is a structural deficit, it drains out of downtown, emergency preparedness, major hospitals; he asked if we would be investing the money regardless of whether it makes it through the capital outlay to at least get the engineering process going, so when monies do come available, at least have a plan to go ahead and knock it out quickly. Ms. Golden said, yes. She said to be understood, that the storing and stabilization that's being done will stabilize it for a three to five year period; Mr. Echols stated, temporary. Ms. Golden said, it's temporary, but it's long term temporary, three to five years, so that they can do the engineering of the bigger project appropriately and if \$8 million is needed, they can go and find \$8 million and the stabilization is more than just getting them by, it will stabilize so that they have three to five years to do the project; Mr. Echols asked how many pumps are usable and active today in the station. Mr. Janway said, one as a backup, but the stabilization will not allow them to run the

second pump, and the shoring will stop the deterioration of the station and will not allow them to reinstall the second pump or rebuild the second pump. Mr. Echols asked, out of the three, if there was just one; Mr. Janway said there was one that was operational, and they will put in auxiliary when river elevations come up.

Citizens Participation

1. Lester Paster, citizen, spoke regarding his attendance at a May 2019 council meeting concerning a court order of appeal.
2. Chip Taylor, Census Bureau Representative, spoke from the audience, thanking Council for the Resolution; Ms. Woods stated, there are jobs through the census bureau.
3. K-9, spoke regarding the violence, crime and asked that it would stop and that everyone would come together.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m., upon a motion of Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Wilson. (There were no public comments)

Ms. Juanita G. Woods
Council Chairwoman

Ms. Carolus S. Riley
Council Clerk

Ms. Jacqueline Benjamin
Council Secretary

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