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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Monroe, Louisiana will meet in Legal and Regular Session at its regular meeting place, the Council Chamber, City Hall Building, Monroe, Louisiana, Tuesday, August 12, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m., for the following purpose:

1. To consider and act on all items listed on the attached agenda.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Council reserves the right to change, add to or delete, any item listed on the attached agenda.

All interested persons are urged to attend these meetings.

Carolus S. Riley, CMC/MMC
Council Clerk

Please be advised that the City Council will embrace public participation to the maximum extent while still adhering to the occupancy limitation, social distancing guidance and the Open Meetings Law.

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AGENDA
City of Monroe

LEGAL & REGULAR SESSION – AUGUST 12, 2025, 6:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

I: ROLL CALL AND DECLARE QUORUM:

II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MS. WOODS:

III: COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mr. Harvey
2. Mrs. Ezernack
3. Ms. Woods
4. Mr. Muhammad
5. Mr. McFarland

IV: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND REGULAR SESSION OF JULY 22, 2025:
(PUBLIC COMMENTS)

VI: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

1. Council:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Monroe City Council to file a lawsuit seeking to declare La. R.S. 33:381, as amended by Act 452 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session, invalid or unconstitutional and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution requesting that the Governor refrain from appointing a Fire Chief under the provisions of La. R.S. 33:381, as amended by Act 452 of 2025 Regular Legislative Session, and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the re-examination of the apportionment of the City of Monroe's City Council Districts and further providing with respect thereto. (McFarland)

(d) Adopt a Resolution establishing City Council Policy with respect to certain mayoral appointments. (Muhammad)

(e) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to Tyron Dickens (K9 Outreach Stop the Violence Car, Truck & Bike Show, and Concert at Chennault Park pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D. (Open Container Ordinance) and further providing with respect thereto.

(f) Adopt a Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to Isaac King-Justa Cowboy Rodeo Association for the Bayou Black Open Rodeo and Tailgating pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D. (Open Container Ordinance) and further providing with respect thereto.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS:

1. 502 South 1st Street (D4) – Owner: Zelma Blakes Wyatt
2. 203 Grayling Lane (D4) – Owner: Roy and Theresa Cox

2. Department of Administration:

Public Comment:

(a) Consider an Application by Above Average Promotion LLC dba Garden’s Kitchen & Bar, 519/521 DeSiard Street, Monroe LA 71201 for a New 2025 Class A Alcoholic Beverage Permit. The Monroe Police Department has no disqualifying records and Sales Tax has been approved. (Distance Report Cleared, Cert. of Occupy Cleared)

(b) Adopt a Resolution approving the Ratification & Assignment of Water Purchase Contract, Estoppel Agreement & Release, between the City of Monroe, Town of Sterlington, and Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC.

5. Mayor’s Office:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Red White and Blue Airshow Inc. and further providing with respect thereto.

6. Department of Public Works:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution adopting a Title VI Program for the Monroe Transit System.

VI: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Public Comment:

(a) Introduce an Ordinance establishing time limits for certain mayoral appointments. (Muhammad)

(b) Introduce an Ordinance amending Sections 30.5-1 (Definitions) and 30.5-9 (Where Smoking Not Regulated) of the City of Monroe Code and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Introduce an Ordinance adopting the actual and Adjusted Millage Rate(s) and providing for the Levying of Special and General Taxes for the City of Monroe for the year 2025 and further providing with respect thereto.

BREAK IF NEEDED:

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

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(a) Finally adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of and sell to Alvin McClain and Natasha McClain, all rights, title, and interest that the city may have acquired to Lot 21, Sq. 52, Ouachita Cotton Mills 2nd Addition, Ouachita Parish, 1301 Florida St., Monroe, La, by adjudication at tax sale dated July 31, 2003, and further providing with respect thereto. (This item was passed over at the last meeting for advertising issue.)

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(b) Finally adopt an Ordinance declaring certain movable property as surplus and authorizing its sale through an online public auction conducted by 32 Auctions and further providing with respect thereto.

VIII: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

IX: ADJOURN.