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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, October 8, 2024 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 – OCTOBER 8, 2024, 6:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

I: ROLL CALL AND DECLARE QUORUM:

II: INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MR. HARVEY:

III: COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

IV: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LEGAL AND REGULAR SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2024:
(PUBLIC COMMENTS)

V: PRESENTATION:
NONE.

VI: PUBLIC HEARINGS:
NONE.

PROPOSED CONDEMNATIONS:

(Public Comment)

1. 1910 S Grand (D4) – OWNER: Edward and Mary Cheek
2. 210 Magnolia St (D3) – OWNER: Jena McCattry & Jaquinn Henry;
Mack & Lizzie White c/o Ethel Tony

VII: ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS:

(Public Comment)

None.

VIII: RESOLUTIONS AND MINUTE ENTRIES:

1. Council:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution appointing Dr. Pamela H. Saulsberry to the Monroe Planning Commission and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution re-appointing Charles Scott to the Monroe Planning Commission and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Adopt Resolution granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Monroe Symphony Orchestra for a Fundraiser pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto.

2. Department of Administration:

Public Comment:

(a) Consider an Application by Family Dollar #21262 dba Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, 3038 DeSiard St., Monroe LA 71201 for a New 2024 Class B 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) Consider an Application by Family Dollar #23003 dba Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, 7916 DeSiard St., Monroe LA 71201 for a New 2024 Class B Alcoholic Beverage Permit. The Monroe Police Department has no disqualifying records and Sales Tax has been approved. (Distance Report Cleared, Cert. of Occupy Cleared)

(c) Consider an Application by APERO dba APERO LLC, 2252 Tower Drive Ste. 107, Monroe LA 71201 for a New 2024 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)

(d) Consider an Application by Jaswinder Singh Ghotra dba Smokers Express #1, 3405 DeSiard St., Monroe LA 71203 for a New 2024 Class B Alcoholic Beverage Permit. The Monroe Police Department has no disqualifying records and Sales Tax has been approved. (Distance Report Cleared, Cert. of Occupy Cleared)

3. Department of Planning & Urban Development:

Public Comment:

None.

4. Legal Department:

Public Comment:

None.

5. Mayor's Office:

Public Comment:

None.

6. Department of Public Works:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution approving the Monroe Regional Airport's Five-Year Airport Capital Improvement Plan, authorizing the City to apply for financial assistance, and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution accepting the RFP response of Utiliserve, LLC, to provide Water Valve Maintenance Program Services and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Adopt a Resolution accepting the RFP response of Revere Control Systems, Inc., to provide SCADA System Upgrade Services for the Water Pollution Control Center and Pump Stations and further providing with respect thereto.

7. Department of Community Affairs:

Public Comment:

None.

8. Police Department:

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution accepting a Louisiana Highway Safety Commission fy 2025 Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant (\$54,000.00) and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office to apply for and accept Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Funds (\$69,605.50) and further providing with respect thereto.

9. Fire Department:

Public Comment:

None.

10. Engineering Services :

Public Comment:

(a) Adopt a Resolution accepting as substantially complete work done by the Lemoine Company for the WPCC – UV Disinfection System Project and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Adopt a Resolution approving authorizing Mayor Friday Ellis to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Monroe and the State of Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) for the Georgia Street Pump Station, including Generator & Auxiliary Project, and further providing with respect thereto.

(c) Consider Appeal of Denial of Request for a Minor Conditional Use Permit by 4 Dudes Investments LLC. Applicant requested a minor conditional use permit to construct two 45’ x 115’ (5,175 square foot) storage buildings at 709 North 34th Street, which is located within a B-3 (General Business/Commercial) District. The requested permit was reviewed and denied by the Monroe Planning Commission (3-1-1) at their regular meeting on September 9, 2024, and is before the Council on an appeal by the applicant.

BREAK IF NEEDED:

IX: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Public Comment:

(a) Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take corporeal possession of the property described below and sell to Dontarius Thomas, all rights, title, and interest that the City may have acquired to Lot 2, Sq. 1, J. W. Johnston’s 2nd Addition, Ouachita Parish, 3102 Polk St., District 4, Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale Dated July 16, 2002, and further providing with respect thereto.

X: 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 repealing Ordinance No. 12,225 (Purchasing and Bidding Procedures) and further providing with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(b) Finally adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into a Commercial Card Agreement and line of credit with Regions Bank and providing further with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(c) Finally adopt an Ordinance approving an application by Monroe Athletic Club to rezone a certain property and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe and further providing with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(d) Finally adopt an Ordinance approving the Annexation of ±36.35-acres, extending and enlarging the boundaries of the City of Monroe, Louisiana, providing for the recordation of the entire boundary as amended, establishing the effective date thereof, and providing further with respect thereto.

Open Public Hearing/Public Comment/Close Hearing:

(e) Finally adopt an Ordinance approving an application by Alven Square, Angelique Connor and Martin Engineering Services to zone annexed property and amending the Zoning Map for the City of Monroe and further providing with respect thereto.

XI: CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

XII: ADJOURN.