

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Denise Dixon	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Rita Scott	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Renee Prather	City Clerk

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, David Jahns, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelly

Visitors: Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison, Chris Bailey, Meagan Hurley, Norman Garrett, Sharon Swanepoel, Mark Counts, Jim Ballew, Joel Ballew, Bob Saville, Rodney Etheredge

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that all Council Members were present. There was a quorum.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. February Monthly Reports

The Department heads presented the monthly reports.

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

a. Renewal – Health Insurance

Mr. Jim Ballew, with Covenant Administrators, discussed the healthcare insurance renewal. He explained that with the City taking some proactive steps, it has resulted in a 5.47 percent decrease in maximum costs.

The committee recommends to Council approval of the health insurance renewal.

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Renewal – Ancillary Insurance Dental & Life

Mr. Joel Ballew, with Omega Benefits Covenant Administrators, discussed the dental, life, vision, and disability insurance renewals. The Omega Benefit Group was able to negotiate zero percent renewals or rate guarantees for all products other than the dental. After negotiations, Delta Dental has proposed a six percent increase including a two year rate guarantee.

The committee recommends the renewal of the ancillary insurance coverages to Council.

*Motion by Little, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

c. Renewal – Property, Casualty & Work Comp Insurance

Mr. Bob Saville explained the renewal details for property and casualty insurance for 2015, stating his recommendation would be to stay with Companion. He explained there to be a 1.8 percent increase, mainly due to upgrading of the fleet.

The committee recommends renewal of the property and casualty insurance to Council.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Malcom.
Passed Unanimously.*

2. Airport

a. January 14, 2015 Airport Commission Minutes

City Clerk Renee Prather explained the minutes to be for informational purposes.

No Action.

b. Approval – Fuel Farm

Mr. Mark Counts, with Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon Inc, discussed the process and recommendation on the Fuel Farm. Five requests for bids were sent out, with three bids being received back. Different sized above ground tanks have been looked at, with a card reader system, so a full time person will not be required to run things. The lowest quote, for the amount of \$97,000.00, came from C&M Equipment. This amount covers everything, including the concrete pad. He explained the City may decide to do some of the items, which would reduce the amount. An FAA Grant has been applied for which would cover 90 percent of the \$97,000. Any work the City completes would count as in-kind service towards the City's 10 percent. He stated the request is for approval of the low bid from C&M Equipment for the amount of \$97,000.00.

Finance Director Renee Prather explained the request to be for after the Short Environmental Assessment is completed, which is required by FAA in order to get the Fuel Farm. When the assessment is ready it will be submitted to FAA for approval, and once the contract is ready it will be sent to the City Attorney for their approval. Ms. Prather explained they are requesting approval prior to the completion of the assessment to keep from delaying the project.

The committee recommends to Council approval of the low bid from C&M Equipment, with the amount not to exceed \$97,000.00, contingent upon the completion of the Short Environmental Assessment and contract approval by the City Attorney.

*Motion by Purvis, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

3. Public Works**a. Discussion / Approval – Purchase of 2016 Front Loader Garbage Truck**

Mr. Danny Smith requested approval for the purchase of a 2016 Front Loader Garbage Truck from the National Joint Powers Alliance, for the amount of \$238,931.00, using SPLOST Funds.

The committee recommends the purchase of the 2016 Front Loader Garbage Truck from National Joint Powers Alliance, for the amount of \$238,931.00 to Council.

*Motion by Scott, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. Utilities**a. Discussion / Approval – Walmart Distribution Sewer Credits**

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks discussed the request from Walmart Distribution Center to install a sewer meter. The meter will measure the amount of water which actually goes into the sewer. They believe that 40 to 45 percent of their water usage is lost due to evaporation and does not actually make it into the sewer. He explained they would be responsible for paying for the meter, installing it, and maintaining it. The City would only read the meter once a month, and then bill the sewer usage accordingly.

The committee recommends allowing Walmart Distribution Center to install a sewer meter to Council.

*Motion by Dixon, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Discussion / Approval – Georgia Pipeline Emergency Responders Initiative Membership and Pledge Agreement

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks discussed the program from Georgia Public Service Commission to train fire personnel. The agreement is for a three year period, and is supposed to enhance communications among emergency responders, pipeline operators, and regulators. The cost would be based on the number of service lines, which would make the City of Monroe's cost \$1,200.00 each year. Mr. Middlebrooks stated the training will take place at the GUTA, the City's training center, which will be good advertisement for the center.

The committee recommends approval of the GPERI Agreement for the amount of \$1,200.00 per year to Council.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Dixon.
Passed Unanimously.*

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c. Discussion / Approval – Residential Terms of Use Agreement

Mr. Brian Thompson explained the agreement concerns internet customers who over utilize the system beyond what the terms of use allow. He stated this updated version of the agreement increases the amount of data a customer can use. The data increase is needed for the changes in technology, due to customers doing more streaming and downloading. Not only will the base quantity of data be increased, there will also be additional charges for customers who go over the base amount of data. This will be mirroring other plans which have been reviewed, with the first step being to send a letter to the customer concerning their usage quantity, making them aware of the situation. He explained another change to be the addition of a copyright infringement, which has been added per the City Attorney's suggestion.

Mayor Thompson clarified that there would not be a change in rate for the average user. The overages of data usage will affect very few customers.

Mr. Thompson stated that approximately 90 customers would be affected, those being gamers, steady streamers, or downloaders.

The committee recommends to Council approval of the agreement.

*Motion by Dixon, seconded by Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

d. Discussion / Approval – Wireless Fiber Pricing

Mr. Brian Thompson discussed the implementation of wireless fiber. He explained it would be used where the City doesn't have a wired infrastructure; where it would be economically unfeasible to build fiber. He requested a base charge amount be set for wireless plans.

The committee recommends approval of the wireless fiber pricing as presented to Council.

*Motion by Bradley, seconded by Dixon.
Passed Unanimously.*

5. Public Safety

No Items Scheduled.

6. Economic Development

Economic Development Specialist Sadie Krawczyk gave an update. She stated that the ice rink had over 750 skaters to participate this first year; the 2015 downtown sponsorship and BOOST Monroe fundraising to be underway. She stated that the dog park funds have been raised from private donations, for which the fence has been installed at Childers Park. The Antiques Festival will be coming up in April, and will be featured in many regional magazines.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Resolution – Bank of America Purchasing Card
2. Resolution – CDBG 2015
3. Discussion / Approval – LCI Streetscape Lighting Agreement
4. Appointments (7) – Tree Board
5. Appointment – Historic Preservation Commission
6. Approval – Main Street MOU
7. Approval – Museum Lease Agreement

There was a general discussion on the above item. There was no action taken.

V. ADJOURN

*Motion by Scott, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK