

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Denise Dixon	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Rita Scott	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Matthew Chancey	City Administrator
	Renee Prather	City Clerk
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney

Absent:	Lee Malcom	Council Member
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Staff Present:	Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelly
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Visitors:	Raquel Willis, Patrice Broughton, Sadie Krawczyk, Norman Garrett, Brent Davis, Leon Boyce, George Baker III, Arron Giles, Sharon Swanepoel, Dee Joseph
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I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that Council Member Lee Malcom was absent. There was a quorum.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. May Monthly Reports

The Department heads presented the monthly reports.

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

a. FY2013 Audited Financial Statements (CAFR)

Mr. Adam Fraley, with Mauldin & Jenkins, presented highlights from the FY2013 Audit. Mr. Fraley discussed the Annual Audit Agenda, stating the audit went smoothly. He explained that they rendered an unqualified opinion, meaning a clean opinion of the audit for the year ending December 31, 2013. He commented that the audit for City of Monroe keeps getting better each year. Mr. Fraley also discussed some of the new GASB reporting standards. There is no action needed.

No Action.

b. 2015 Bravo Plan Design

Finance Director Renee Prather discussed the meeting with Bravo staff and their recommendations. Bravo is recommending bringing the spouses up to the same testing level as the employees. It is also recommended to change the BMI from 29.9 to 29 and changing to a reasonable alternative of 5% instead of 10%, which is felt to be more easily obtainable. There will still be reasonable alternatives and the chance to appeal.

The committee recommends to Council approval to adopt the Bravo Plan Design for 2015.

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

c. Clinic RFQ

City Administrator Matthew Chancey discussed the request for qualifications the City sent out for Clinic Services. The current provider, CareHere, has been at the City for three years. There were eight proposals received, with three of those having been interviewed so far. CareHere was

not one of the three interviewed, therefore there will be a transition away from CareHere. There is currently not a recommendation on a provider, possibly there will be a recommendation next week, but it may need to be pushed to the June meeting.

No Action.

2. Airport

No Items Scheduled.

3. Public Works

a. Update – Recycling RFQ

Mr. Danny Smith stated there was only one bid received for the recycling services and is in the process of being reviewed.

City Administrator Matthew Chancey explained they are also looking into implementing a recycling program, which would basically incentivize citizens to recycle. It will be further discussed this week, with the numbers being looked at, to see if it would lower the City's costs. He further explained that most of the haulers are now paying for the items to be taken, instead of getting paid for the items themselves.

No Action.

4. Utilities

a. Approval – Purchase of Fire Hydrants

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks discussed the request to purchase twenty-five fire hydrants, to begin the replacement of the RD Wood fire hydrants in the water system. There is a new requirement in the ISO that mandates having the four and a half inch steamer connections. The lowest bid for the hydrants came from Consolidated Pipe & Supply for the amount of \$53,550.00, which will come from the CIP budget.

Chief Keith Glass explained that everything on ISO is a point system, for example points are given for types and quantity of trucks. The types of fire hydrants that are installed within the City also effects the points received for the City's rating. The higher the ISO rating the City has, the lower the insurance cost is for a homeowner.

The committee recommends the purchase of twenty-five fire hydrants from Consolidated Pipe & Supply for the amount of \$53,550.00 to Council.

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

b. Discussion – Vogtle Contract Amendment

Mr. Brian Thompson stated MEAG to be negotiating with the Federal Government for bonds at a lower interest rate to finance the last quarter of the Vogtle expansion. He explained three quarters of the financing has been through Build America Bonds, with the remainder of the financing being through some Department of Energy Bonds. These bonds are guaranteed through the Federal Government which will bring the interest rate much lower. Once an agreement is reached between MEAG and the Federal Government there will be a time frame in which each City must amend their Plant Vogtle Contracts. Mr. Thompson is requesting approval for the Mayor to have the authority to sign the amendments, when they are reached, with the City Attorney's approval.

Mayor Thompson explained that a quick turn-around will be required once an agreement is reached. He stated all of the Cities involved in the project have to approve the amendment before the financing can be completed.

The committee recommends to Council approval for the Mayor to execute the Plant Vogtle Contract Amendment, once it is received, and reviewed by the City Attorney.

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

c. Discussion – Downtown Street Lights

Mr. Brian Thompson stated this to be part of the TE Grant for South Broad Street. He discussed the possibility of changing the light fixtures in downtown that have yellowed over time, to match the new lights.

City Administrator Matthew Chancey explained the initial intent was to replace the globes on the lights, but the company they came from no longer exists. Therefore there is no retrofit. They then started looking into the energy being used by the lights. It makes sense to replace the lights, not the poles, just the lights.

Mr. Thompson explained the lights would be replaced with a more energy efficient light in order to cut down the energy usage.

Mayor Thompson stated there would be a payback within three to five years with the energy being saved. The money would be recouped by energy savings and maintenance costs.

Council Member Bradley requested Mr. Thompson to look further into the light costs versus the savings and then bring the information back to Council.

No Action.

d. Discussion / Approval – South Broad Street Electric Equipment

Mr. Brian Thompson explained the TE Project on South Broad Street is moving forward therefore the materials need to be ordered. All of the poles will be removed from the east side of the road. The City will be joining use with Windstream on the west side of the road. A spacer cable project will be built to get the wire up as high as possible. The cost for the material, minus the poles, is \$19,365.00. The poles will come from the yearly pole replacement program. The cost will come from CIP and will be part of the matching funds on the TE Project Grant.

The committee recommends to Council the purchase of the electric equipment for South Broad Street for the amount of \$19,365.00.

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

e. Discussion / Approval – MEAG Easement and Substation Deed

Mr. Brian Thompson discussed Substation #2 on Spring Street which was sold to MEAG. They maintain it and have done a million dollar upgrade on the substation. Regulations have changed and MEAG is required to have a permanent easement into the location. During the surveying process it was discovered that the building was built approximately two feet over the line of the land on the initial deed change. MEAG is requesting approval of the easement and the substation deed which will include the complete building and fence. Mr. Thompson is requesting approval pending the City Attorney's review.

The committee recommends approval of the quit-claim deed and road access easement, pending City Attorney approval, to Council.

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

f. Discussion / Approval – Purchase of Reclosers for 2014 CIP Projects

Mr. Brian Thompson explained approximately a year ago three reclosers were installed. These worked great during the ice storm and the wind storm. The citizens in those areas had no loss of power during that time. There is \$50,000 in the CIP budget to purchase reclosers this year. He is requesting to purchase nine Versatech Reclosers for the amount of \$5,265.00 each from Tri-State Utility Products.

The committee recommends to Council approval to purchase nine Versatech Reclosers from Tri-State Utility Products for the total amount of \$47,385.00.

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

5. Public Safety**a. Purchase / Contract – Taser Axon Camera System**

Chief Keith Glass discussed the quote and contract with Taser International. He explained that they have been using the Axon cameras and storage system, Evidence.com, on twelve systems for approximately two years. This camera system works wherever the officers are, instead of only in front of the vehicle.

Officer Brent Davis gave a brief demonstration of the Axon camera system and its benefits.

Chief Glass explained these would be a newer updated version of the system compared to what has been purchase over the last two years. The contract specifies that at two and a half years and then again at five years the City will receive all new hardware. After the five year period there will only be a cost of the software storage. He explained that two thirds of the amount would be paid from seized assets with the remainder coming from the general fund. The yearly software storage costs would then become a budgeted item each year.

The committee recommends the purchase of the Axon camera system for the amount of \$25,400.59 to Council.

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

6. DDA

Main Street Director Sadie Krawczyk gave an update. She discussed the previous weekend with the marketing of antiques, which was a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. Rinse Bath will be moving to a larger location in Downtown and now a new contracting business is using their old space as a showroom. DDA has put together a Welcome to Monroe Downtown packet, giving an overview of all the resources for new businesses.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**1. Upcoming Public Hearings**

- a. Rezone – 0 Michael Etchison Road**
- b. Rezone – 221 Baker Street**
- c. Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Draft with Sign and Corridor**

2. Resolution – Support of Greenhaven Terrace Apartments**3. Discussion – Sculpture Project License Agreement**

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

V. ADJOURN

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


MAYOR


CITY CLERK