MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2014

6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:

Greg Thompson Mayor Wayne Adcock Vice-Mayor Lee Malcom 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
Russell Preston City Attorney
Paul Rosenthal City Attorney

Absent:

Denise Dixon

Council Member

Staff Present:

Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian

Thompson, Patrick Kelly

Visitors:

Raquel Willis, R.V. Watts, Sadie Krawczyk, Sharon Swanepoel, James Paris

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Invocation

Mayor Thompson gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thompson noted that Council Member Denise Dixon was absent. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Little, seconded by Adcock. Passed Unanimously

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. December 3, 2013 Council Minutes
- b. December 10, 2013 Council Minutes
- c. December 18, 2013 Council Minutes
- d. December 10, 2013 Executive Session Minutes
- e. Approval QS/1 Agreement for Software and Services Approval of agreement. (Recommended for Council approval by Finance Committee January 7, 2014)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Adcock, seconded by Little. Passed Unanimously

II. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public Comments

Mr. James Paris, of 1912 Brookland Court, stated that he has pictures of the flood which happened three months ago at his house. He stated the flood to have been caused due to the City's lack of clearing the land for easement. He requested Council to vote to fix his issues; stating he doesn't have an attorney and is not trying to sue anyone.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution - Open Records Officer

To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion by Little, seconded by Malcom. Passed Unanimously.

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2. Approval – Main Street Program MOU

Main Street Director Sadie Krawczyk discussed the annual Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the City of Monroe to remain being designated as a Main Street Community.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Main Street Program.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Richardson. Passed Unanimously.

3. Building Inspection Policy Change

City Administrator Matthew Chancy explained that he and staff have been looking at the City Policies and trying to make them more customer-friendly. In that regard the request is to delete Section 1.3 Building Inspections of the current Utility Policy, and simply use the paperwork that is already required. The current paperwork holds the City harmless, with there being no liability to the City. The policy currently requires Code Enforcement to go out to inspect every time someone establishes services, or wants to names changed on the account for the services.

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley explained that currently every property has to be inspected. It cuts down on the efficiency of handling actually problems, by having to look at every property. They would like to go to a complaint based format, informing the customer on how to contact the Code Department when they are signing up for the utilities.

Mr. Brian Thompson stated that only one other city in the state does this due to it causing problems for the customer. The new process, would allow for any issues to be handled more thoroughly.

Mr. Chancey stated the required documentation could be posted on the City's website for the customer to download and fax it in along with their identification. It already states in the City's Ordinance that if the utility workers encounter any problems when they go to hook up the power, gas, or water that a work order would be made for Code Enforcement to then go out to inspect the property.

To delete Section 1.3 Building Inspections of the Utility Policies and Procedures.

Motion by Little, seconded by Adcock. Passed Unanimously.

IV. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Malcom, seconded by Adcock, Passed Unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

1. Appoint – City Attorney

To reappoint Preston & Malcom, P.C. as City Attorney for 2014.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Scott. Passed Unanimously.

2. Appoint - Municipal Court Judge

To reappoint Brad Brownlow as Municipal Court Judge for 2014.

Motion by Malcom, seconded by Little. Passed Unanimously.

3. Personnel Issue (s)

Motion to authorize the City Administrator in conjunction with Drew, Eckl & Farnham, LLP to enter into settlement negotiations on the pending work compensation claim that is before the Council.

Motion by Little, seconded by Purvis. Passed Unanimously.

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4. Legal Issue (s)

Motion authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City an amended tolling agreement dated as of today's date by and between the U.S. Bank National Association and the City of Monroe extending certain statutes of limitations related to a claim the City has lodged against the U.S. Bank.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Adcock. Passed Unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

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Motion by Scott, seconded by Richardson. Passed Unanimously.

CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

Those Present:

Greg Thompson
Wayne Adcock
Lee Malcom
Nathan Purvis
Larry Bradley
Rita Scott
Nathan Little
Jimmy Richardson
Matthew Chancey
Renee Prather
Russell Preston

Mayor
Vice-Mayor
Council Member
City Administrator
City Clerk
City Attorney

Absent:

Denise Dixon

Paul Rosenthal

Council Member

City Attorney

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Personnel Issue(s)

1. Appoint - City Attorney

Personnel matters were discussed.

To reappoint Preston & Malcom, P.C. as City Attorney for 2014.

Motion by Bradley, seconded by Scott. Passed Unanimously.

2. Appoint - Municipal Court Judge

Personnel matters were discussed.

To reappoint Brad Brownlow as Municipal Court Judge for 2014.

Motion by Malcom, seconded by Little. Passed Unanimously.

3. Personnel Issue (s)

Personnel matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

4. Legal Issue (s)

Legal matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

III. Adjourn to Regular Session

Motion by Malcom, seconded by Bradley.

Passed Unanimously

CITY CLERK

MAYOR