

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Larry Bradley	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Charles Boyce	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Tyler Gregory	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Donnie Wright	City Attorney

Staff Present: Jeremiah Still, Danny Smith, Matt McClung, Andrew Dykes, Beth Thompson, Brian Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Chris Bailey, Brad Callender, Beverly Harrison, Les Russell

Visitors: Stephen Milligan, Mark Albury, Giancarlo Podeszwa, Rey Martinez, Shauna Mathias, Michelle Mirolli, Julie Sams, Toni Lovelace Petty, Vincent Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Invocation

Mr. Kent Pratt gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

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

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. June 14, 2022 Council Minutes
- b. June 14, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
- c. June 7, 2022 Parks Committee Minutes
- d. May 17, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes
- e. May 24, 2022 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

II. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Public Comments

Mr. Mark Albury, of 708 East Church Street, discussed the violence in Monroe. He lives on the corner of Pine Park and Church Street. His work van was shot twice on the evening of July 4, and there were multiple rounds found on the ground. He has lived there for four years, and the gun violence in the area is getting ridiculous. He discussed previous shootings around Monroe. They constantly have to pick up trash from their yard, and kids throw rocks at their dogs and vehicles. He stated the problems are coming from New Lacy. Neighbors are trying to sell; they are all getting sick of it. The landlords of the rentals behind their property should be held more accountable for the buildings and their tenants.

Council Member David Dickinson discussed an email he sent in response to this issue. He stated this is a police issue not a code issue. He discussed other various issues in the area and stated a stop needs to be put to it all. Criminal conduct needs to be a priority.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS**1. City Administrator Update**

City Administrator Logan Propes stated the City was awarded the Department of Community Affairs Rural Downtown Development Fund Grant in the amount of \$2.1 million for the Downtown Green. The City of Monroe was one of nine to be awarded funding this year.

2. Assistant City Administrator Update

Assistant City Administrator Chris Bailey stated the 2020 CDBG Project is scheduled for completion next week; they are waiting on some landscaping, lids for the tops of the inlets, and street striping. The Development RFQ for Phase II of Blaine Station has been sent to 45 potential developers; it closes on August 26. The Terminal Building construction started on May 31. The old pilots lounge trailer has been moved offsite to GUTA so that it can be reused. The new Commercial Garbage Truck came in on Friday, the Automated Side Loader will be delivered in August, and the Mini Rear Loader Garbage Truck will come in around March of next year.

3. Department Requests**a. Various: Approval – Surplus Items**

Mr. Chris Bailey requested approval to surplus a list of vehicles and equipment from various departments. They have reached their useful life; the maintenance costs far exceed the value of the items. They have all been replaced with newer equipment and vehicles.

To surplus the items on GovDeals.

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

b. Airport: Tentative Allocation Approval Request

Mr. Chris Bailey discussed the Tentative Allocation letter received from DOT for Airport Projects. This is the design concept to repave and rehabilitate the taxiway; it will be a Fiscal Year 2023 Project. The local match for the City is \$3,750.00. Construction for the project will be in Fiscal Year 2024. He requested approval to accept and proceed with the design of the taxiway rehab.

To approve the Tentative Allocation as presented.

*Motion by Gregory, seconded by Garrett.
Passed Unanimously.*

c. Utilities: Approval – Commercial Development Fees

Mr. Brian Thompson discussed existing commercial fees not covering the cost for the City. He recommended changing the fee structure to 80% of the estimated cost of the total project, which will fluctuate. This change will keep the current rate payers from having to cover costs for the developer.

To approve the Commercial Development Fees as presented.

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

d. Utilities: Managed WiFi Pricing

Mr. Brian Thompson discussed the managed WiFi pricing. He recommended \$13.99 per month for the managed WiFi service and \$4.99 per month for each additional mesh unit. He explained that these are competitive prices.

Vice-Mayor Larry Bradley questioned what the cost would be for someone with a basic fiber package and a WiFi package.

Mr. Thompson answered the cost would be \$96.99 for one gig of service.

To approve the Managed WiFi pricing as presented.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Boyce.
Passed Unanimously.*

e. Utilities: Streaming TV Pricing

Mr. Brian Thompson discussed the streaming TV pricing. He stated the Expanded Basic Package will be \$99.99 per month, which is cheaper than the existing package today.

To approve the Streaming TV pricing as presented.

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

f. Utilities: Trickle Filter Pumps Electrical Upgrade

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks requested approval for the rewire of the Trickle Filter Pump Station at the Sewer Plant. They are original parts and are no longer safe. Legacy Electrical Services had the lowest bid amount of \$13,886.83.

To approve Legacy Electrical Services for the amount of \$13,886.83.

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Preliminary Plat Review – River Pointe

City Administrator Logan Propes requested to table the item until the August Council Meeting. They are getting closer on some of the negotiations and have determined an alternative path for one of the waterlines. He explained they are still negotiating some traffic enhancements. He hopes to have the basic framework ready for the August Meeting.

To table until next month.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Business

a. Application – Beer & Wine On-Premise Consumption – The Thirsty Moose

To approve the application.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Gregory.
Passed Unanimously.*

b. Approval – GDOT Right of Way Contract and Resolution

City Administrator Logan Propes explained this involves the Transportation Alternatives Grant Project. The right-of-way acquisition for the project includes State Route 11, Highland Avenue, and North Lumpkin Street. He stated there will be a lot more of these contracts and resolutions along the way, due to it being a Federally Funded Project. The Georgia Department of Transportation will reimburse the City for 80%; the right-of-way portion of the contract will reimburse the City up to \$688,000.00. He stated it will look a lot like the North Broad Street Project.

To approve the resolution and contract as presented.

*Motion by Garrett, seconded by Crawford.
Passed Unanimously.*

c. Downtown Green Contract Change Order #1

City Administrator Logan Propes explained they are trying to figure out the most efficient way to get the internal lighting worked out with the contractor. He requested approval of Change Order #1 for the amount of \$359,529.19 with the amended Notice of Award for \$4,217,529.19 to

the Astra Group. They have also scaled back a couple of other things, which recreated some net takeoffs in the analysis of the first change order.

To approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$359,529.19 with amended Notice of Award in the amount of \$4,217,529.19 to Astra Group, Inc.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Gregory.
Passed Unanimously.*

d. Impact Fee Study & Implementation – Professional Services Contract

City Administrator Logan Propes discussed getting an official study and implementation plan, now that the Comprehensive Plan has been adopted. This will be a pretty long process; there are only a few jurisdictions in Georgia that have full impact fee studies and implementations in place. He recommended contracting with Hall Consulting for the study, because they worked on the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Propes stated the maximum amount of the contract will be \$45,000.00; the amount could be less, depending on the quantity of meetings needed.

Vice-Mayor Larry Bradley questioned whether the study will include recommendations of where the money should go, along with what will be received from the impact fees.

Mr. Propes stated that State Law requires certain categories to be studied. The categories could include water, sewer, roads, libraries, or public arts. There are certain elements within the study that must be fulfilled in order to levy the impact fees. He stated there will be a series of public meetings, public hearings, and the case must all be well documented.

Mr. Bradley questioned whether the money can be used for anything that is impacted by growth within the City.

Mr. Propes answered it has to be narrowly tailored. There could be a certain amount for a stormwater element, a certain amount for parks improvements, and a certain amount for library improvements. The amounts have to be noted per category.

Mr. Bradley discussed the funds being used for areas that are heavily impacted by the growth, such as Public Safety.

Mr. Propes explained they will see how Public Safety has to be handled within the context of the law. There may be an allowance for Public Safety Capital to be purchased, but operating is probably not allowable. He explained the study will be done prior to getting into the full implementation. A recommendation will be given as to the areas and the amounts, but Council will make the decision.

Mayor, Council, and Mr. Propes further discussed possible categories and uses.

Approval to contract with Hall Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

e. 2022 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

City Administrator Logan Propes discussed the 2022 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement with Walton County and all the other Municipalities in Walton County. The pro-rata distribution for TSPLOST would be an extra one penny sales tax. The referendum would be voted on at the next election. He explained the IGA must be in place prior to the TSPLOST passing; the distributions would occur in 2023.

Council Member Lee Malcom questioned how the Chamber will be marketing the TSPLOST.

Mr. Propes stated that he does not know that the consensus is to use the Chamber at this point; there may potentially be some other committees formed. He explained that the TSPLOST is not just local funding; the City could also receive a significant amount of State Funding for extra projects if the TSPLOST passes.

To approve the 2022 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

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

VI. DISTRICT ITEMS

1. District Items

Vice-Mayor Larry Bradley stated that he has been hearing concerns about Public Safety; crime and speeding seem to be very big issues. They are calling it McDaniel Speedway. He requested to have a Called Public Safety Meeting in two weeks.

Council Member Lee Malcom requested the noise ordinance and enforcement to be looked into for vehicles.

Council Member Tyler Gregory stated there has been a lot of drag being laid down on Second Street. He discussed the wildlife next to the Mill and thanked Chris Bailey for the wildlife crossing signs.

Council Member David Dickinson discussed coming across the expired beaver that Mr. Gregory referred to while running down Barrett Street.

2. Mayoral Update

Mayor John Howard stated that Council Member Nathan Little was recognized for his training hours at GMA last week. The First Friday Concert will be King of Pop. Food Truck Friday and Movies at the Mill will be on July 29. Community Impact Day & Housing Expo will be on July 23. The Georgia Historic Trust Expedition will be coming to Monroe on August 13. Atlanta Braves Day will be on August 28 from 2:00 to 5:00 on the Court House Lawn; Monroe was one of 151 cities in five states chosen to host the World Series Trophy Tour. Major Matt McClung and Captain Brent Davis were both promoted last week. He discussed going to Hometown Connection in Brazelton where State Senators and State Representatives were hosted; he wants to host one this fall.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion to reduce Electric CIP transfer from 6.5% to 6.0% and allocate \$88,000.00 to the Electric Department base salary adjustments for FY 2022 as overseen by the City Administrator.

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

Based upon the information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the tender option decision pertaining to the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project and after consultation with our internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs associated with the tender option, I hereby move that the City Council for the City of Monroe notify MEAG Power that it: does not support exercising the tender option by SPV M, does not support exercising the tender option by SPV J, and does not support exercising the tender option by SPV P.

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

VIII. ADJOURN

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


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Larry Bradley	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Charles Boyce	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Tyler Gregory	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Donnie Wright	City Attorney

Staff Present: Les Russell, Brian Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Jeremiah Still, Danny Smith, Beth Thompson

I. Call to Order – John Howard

1. Roll Call

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

II. Legal Issue (s)

1. Legal Matter

Legal matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

Based upon the information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the tender option decision pertaining to the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project and after consultation with our internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs associated with the tender option, I hereby move that the City Council for the City of Monroe notify MEAG Power that it: does not support exercising the tender option by SPV M, does not support exercising the tender option by SPV J, and does not support exercising the tender option by SPV P.

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

Council Member Norman Garrett left the Executive Session at 7:40.

III. Personnel Issue (s)

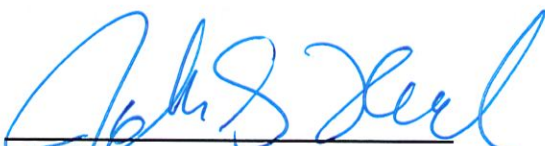
1. Personnel Matter

Personnel matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.

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

IV. Adjourn to Regular Session

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


MAYOR


CITY CLERK