

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Larry Bradley	Vice-Mayor
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Ross Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Russell Preston	City Attorney
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney

Absent:	Lee Malcom	Council Member
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Staff Present:	Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, R.V. Watts, Andrew Dykes, Beth Thompson, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley, Chris Bailey, Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison
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Visitors:	Les Russell, Jayne Sinclair, Lori Volk, Bruce Hendley, Rita Dickinson, Sally Fielder, Shaney Lokken, Tommy Ratchford, Dessa Morris, Kerie Rowe, Kimberly Mayfield, Joy Gilliam, Thad Gilliam, Gloria Briscoe, Zac Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Cheryl Larson, Thomas Mitchell (via zoom), Derek Gwaltney, Chad Husted
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I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Invocation

Youth Pastor Gloria Briscoe with the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that all Council Members were present, except Council Member Lee Malcom. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

*Motion by Little, seconded by R. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously*

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. September 1, 2020 Council Minutes
- b. September 8, 2020 Council Minutes
- c. September 1, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- d. September 8, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- e. September 15, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes
- f. September 22, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- g. August 13, 2020 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- h. September 10, 2020 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- i. August 13, 2020 Conventions and Visitors Bureau Minutes
- j. September 10, 2020 Conventions and Visitors Bureau Minutes
- k. Approval – Purchase 30-Ton Dump Trailer – To purchase from Gainesville Truck Center for \$61,653.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee October 6, 2020)
- l. Yield Analysis Update Engineering Services – Approval of Wiedeman & Singleton for \$15,000.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee October 6, 2020)

To move Item K – Approval – Purchase of 30-Ton Dump Trailer and Item L – Yield Analysis Update Engineering Services under New Business to be considered by the full Council. To approve the consent agenda as amended.

*Motion by Little, seconded by L. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously*

II. PUBLIC PRESENTATION**1. Workforce Development**

Ms. Dessa Morris, with the Walton County Development Authority, gave a presentation. She was hired three years ago to help ensure the local companies were happy, planning to stay, and possibly even expand. The number one concern for the industries was securing the talent necessary to exceed. Her position quickly turned into a Workforce Development Position. She is charged with getting the industrial partners, manufacturers, distributors, and educators working together to benefit the community. She works under the direction of a Workforce Advisory Council, which includes school superintendents, industry leaders, the Students Success Alliance, the Walton Chamber, a Department of Labor representative, Athens Tech officials, and Mr. Les Russell from the City of Monroe. Manufacturing is 8.9% of all the jobs in Georgia. In Walton County more than one out of ten jobs are in the manufacturing field. She stated Mr. Shane Short is always working to bring the right industrial partners into the community. Ms. Morris discussed it being a great time to look for a job, virtual job fairs, available manufacturing jobs in Walton County, and Career Expos. There will be a Manufacturing Program starting at Monroe Area High School in August 2021.

No Action.

III. PUBLIC FORUM**1. Public Comments**

Ms. Rita Dickinson, of 512 East Church Street, stated that she sees the neighborhood she has always dreamed of developing on Church Street. The people trying to change Church Street do not live there. The neighbors have been promised several times that something was going to be done with this specific house to make the neighborhood great, and the promises have not been kept. She does not feel this facility is appropriate for Church Street; it does not fit in a neighborhood with lots of children. Pilot Park has just been redone. She has purchased several houses in the neighborhood and changed them to single family residences instead of apartments in order to encourage families to move there and be part of their neighborhood.

Ms. Sally Fielder, of 414 East Church Street, requested Council to stop the approval of Sparrow Hill Inn. She wants the proposal declined so the City of Monroe can move forward in the right direction. She lives next door; she has always considered that as her home and Church Street as her neighborhood. She discussed the house at the corner of Colley Street and Church Street wanting a rezone years ago and all of the neighbors came in protest of it too. There are already several drug facilities within five miles. She requested Council to vote against Sparrow Hill and their lawyers.

Mr. Thad Gilliam stated that he is one of the Sparrow Hill Inn owners. They purchased the property in 2013 and invested a lot of money restoring it in the same historical character. They have been faithful business and property owners. They entered into negotiations for Pyramid Healthcare to purchase the property in 2019. The property has been Zoned B2 Commercial since 2006, even though it is adjacent to residential properties. He explained, in January Pyramid's council researched the zoning classification and intended use; they concurred that the use is allowed. Their council repeatedly reached out to Mr. Kelley for a zoning determination letter, and Mr. Kelley suggested involving the City Attorney. The issue was then assigned to Mr. Tom Mitchell, an outside attorney. After four months, Mr. Kelley issued his determination letter. Pyramid, their council, and the property owners viewed the determination as inaccurate and disagreed with it. He stated Mr. Kelley chose to call their use a sanitarium, which is the only use prohibited by the City. Mr. Kelley stated in his letter that the only options to his determination would be an appeal or a variance. Therefore, an appeal was made to his determination letter. Mr. Gilliam stated they have been working on this for over nine months, been discouraged, incurred tremendous financial loss, and feel they have been wronged. He implores Council to confirm that this is an allowed use. He discouraged Council from denying this use, to end up in a legal battle, which would be a waste of tax payer money. A protected class should be allowed their due usage by the City of Monroe Ordinance.

Ms. Kimberly Mayfield stated that she speaks as a neighbor of Sparrow Hill Inn and a landowner in Monroe. She has often been asked by guests whether it's safe to park on Colley Street or in their rear parking lot. The Inn's parking lot shares a property line with the acre of land that fronts Colley Street, Davis Street, and Bell Street. There were five rental houses on that acre which always had noise, mounds of trash, and lots of drug activity. She and her husband purchased the property with the sole purpose of knocking down the five houses and clearing the

land so their business guests could feel safe and secure while staying in Monroe. Multiple people stopped by to say thank you while the houses were being demolished. They have maintained the property since. It is important that they leave something better than they found it, and they are doing the same with Sparrow Hill Inn. As a potential next-door neighbor to Pyramid Healthcare, they couldn't be more relieved. They have had to deal with a neighbor that doesn't keep up his property, which reflects poorly on their bed and breakfast. They don't have any plans currently for the back acre, but it is their investment in this town. They would be very unwise and short sighted to sell their current commercial property to Pyramid Healthcare if they had any doubt that they wouldn't be the best neighbors. She definitely would not approve of any number of other businesses that by zoning could occupy that space and bring down their own property value. They are content with all of their research into Pyramid Healthcare and warmly welcome them to the community.

Council Member David Dickinson read a letter from Ms. Linda Jones-Sibert concerning the Code Officer Appeal at 410 East Church Street. Her letter requested Council not to approve the drug rehabilitation facility moving into their neighborhood. The houses on Bell Street, Davis Street, Colley Street, and Milledge Avenue that previously housed drug dealers and users have been torn down. There are young families with children buying houses on Church Street, and the renovation of Pilot Park will draw even more families to the neighborhood. She doesn't feel there is any comparison between the proposed facility on Church Street and the Silver Ridge facility. The Silver Ridge facility is a 10,000 square foot mansion, with eight bedrooms, and 15 beds located on 12 acres. The Church Street facility is 5,384 square feet, with four bedrooms, and 12 beds located on 1.65 acres, which are mostly unusable. According to the American Addiction Centers, the relapse rate in drug rehabilitation is between 40 and 60%. She questioned whether that means 40 to 60% of those people will be on the streets looking for drugs. Ms. Jones-Sibert also wanted to know if the clients will have an open-door policy, if there will be full time staff, what the staff's training is, where the staff will live, and if background checks will be run on both the staff and clients.

Ms. Cheryl Larson, of 501 East Church Street, spoke against the drug rehab facility coming into their neighborhood. She stated when she moved to Church Street 15 years ago, more than half of the houses were dilapidated, and no children were living there. Now, there are families with children who play outside. She discussed when the Sparrow Hill owners didn't want the house next to them turned into a residential facility. Ms. Larson understands that their business is suffering due to COVID-19, but they are planning on leaving it on the neighborhood. The owners purchased the property located behind them and if it goes commercial, what guarantee do the residents have that the property will stay the way it is. They could request a variance and build whatever they want to.

2. Public Hearing

a. Conditional Use – 319 South Madison Avenue

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application for a conditional use of this property to allow Townhouses in a B2 Zoning. The applicant is Lori Volk with New Leaf Georgia.

Council Member Norman Garrett stated he was unable to come to the meeting last week and questioned who actually purchased the property. He questioned whether New Leaf Georgia has a history of doing townhouses. Mr. Garrett questioned the purchase of the property and the property being deeded for \$10.00. He questioned how the property that used to belong to Mr. John Howard transferred hands for only \$10.00. He stated that Mr. Logan Propes estimated the property to be worth between \$130,000.00 and \$150,000.00.

Ms. Lori Volk stated she and her partner, New Leaf Georgia, purchased the property. New Leaf Georgia has experience building townhouses. She explained New Leaf Georgia purchased the property and she does not have the contract or purchase price in front of her. She stated that she is confused by the questions.

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal referred Mr. Garrett to page 66 of the agenda record. He stated that any conditional use or zoning application is required to provide proof of ownership. Georgia Law is very clear that a real estate transfer tax shall be paid on all property transferred by warranty deed or otherwise. So, the face of page 66 of the agenda can not be used to ascertain the actual purchase price paid by New Leaf Georgia, LLC. Mr. Rosenthal referred to the top corner of page 66 where the document is marked from the Clerk of Superior Court of Walton County, which notates the Real Estate Transfer Tax Paid for the transaction was

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\$152.00. The \$152.00 Real Estate Transfer Tax indicates that the purchase price paid for the transfer would be \$152,000.00. The \$10.00 transfer is standard nomenclature that anyone that purchases, buys, or sales real property will normally see in a deed; it is what is called the nominal consideration. The actual consideration that was paid on this transaction from review of page 66 indicates the property sold for \$152,000.00.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

Ms. Lori Volk explained they are requesting a conditional use of the property to build a small townhouse community. There will be seven townhouses with four facing South Madison Avenue and three facing Milledge Avenue; they will each be approximately 1,800 square feet. They will be built with high end materials, back entries only, a shared driveway in the back, and two entrances.

Council Member Ross Bradley stated these are the types of projects that the DDA have been focused on trying to get to town, and he appreciates them being here.

There were no other public comments; Mayor Howard declared that portion of the meeting closed.

No Action.

b. Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendment #8

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the request for a zoning code text amendment of Article X, Section 1000.3.2 to add Item (iv) Cottage Food Business. He stated that Applicant Jamie Cox has requested the addition of cottage food business to the listing of residential businesses.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the purpose of public input.

There were no public comments; Mayor Howard declared that portion of the meeting closed.

No Action.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Conditional Use – 319 South Madison Avenue

To approve the conditional use.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by R. Bradley.
Voting no Garrett.
Passed 5-1.*

2. 1st Reading – Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendment #8

City Attorney Paul Rosenthal presented the first reading of the ordinance.

3. Resolution – Support Development of the Proposed Downtown Green

To approve the resolution as presented.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Dickinson.
Passed Unanimously.*

4. Capital Campaign Commitment

City Administrator Logan Propes stated the Walton County Chamber of Commerce is putting forward a Capital Campaign to purchase the house at 207 North Wayne Street for their new offices. They are requesting a three-year commitment from the City totaling \$25,896.00, which will be paid in three annual payments of \$8,662.00 each. Mr. Propes requested the amounts to be authorized, so that he can execute the subsequent contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

Vice-Mayor Larry Bradley clarified that the request is being made for all of the Municipalities in Walton County.

Mr. Propes answered that to be correct. He explained all of the Cities and the County will be contributing; the contribution amounts are based on population.

Council Member Norman Garrett questioned the money being used and whether they already have the building. He questioned how the Chamber helps the City of Monroe.

Mr. Propes explained the Chamber currently has the building through a lease purchase. The Walton Foundation owns the building, and they are doing a lease purchase option for the property. He stated that Ms. Teri Smiley presented the information at the work session, but she is not present tonight.

Mayor Howard stated that Ms. Kerie Rowe came to answer questions.

Mr. Garrett questioned how the Chamber actually helps to benefit the City of Monroe. He questioned how many businesses participate with the Chamber, and how much each business pays. He questioned the smallest membership fee amount and the number of employees.

Ms. Kerie Rowe, with the Walton County Chamber of Commerce, apologized that Ms. Smiley or the Chair couldn't be present. She explained that the Chamber helps the businesses throughout the City and the County to grow, invest, get more involved, and connect with other businesses in the community. They help with programs through the school systems. There are currently 763 Chamber Members. She explained the membership fees differ, because there are different membership packages. The smallest membership fee amount is \$350.00 a year. She stated the Chamber has three employees.

Mayor, Council, and Ms. Rowe further discussed the membership fees, the different events held by the Chamber throughout the year, the Chamber budget, their expenses, the cost of the building, and things the Chamber does for the Cities and County. Previous conversations between Mr. Garrett and Ms. Smiley were also discussed.

Ms. Rowe explained that she came to represent the Chamber of Commerce, but she does not know all of the financial answers. She stated Ms. Smiley would be happy to answer any questions. She suggested that Mr. Garrett have a meeting with Ms. Smiley to go through everything and get more involved with the Chamber.

Mr. Propes stated the purpose tonight is only for the Capital Campaign; Council has already approved the General Operating Transfer for the Chamber.

To approve the Walton County Chamber of Commerce Capital Campaign three-year commitment for the total amount of \$25,986.00, which is to be paid in three annual payments of \$8,662.00 each, and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the subsequent contract.

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by L. Bradley.
Voting no Garrett.
Passed 5-1.*

5. Financial Policies Update

Ms. Beth Thompson presented the request for approval of the Financial Policies Update, which is primarily a cleanup of the last update from 2006. She explained there was some language changed, and the Capital Asset Management Policy and Internal Control Policy were added.

To approve the Financial Policies Update to Council.

*Motion by Little, seconded by L. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

6. Authorization of a Parity Bond Ordinance

City Administrator Logan Propes gave a short overview. The \$50 million Parity Bond Ordinance will be for 30 years and will fund improvements in wastewater treatment, water treatment, water transmission and distribution, gas distribution, and telecommunications. He explained these large projects have been put off for a long time and will continue to drive

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Monroe forward in the infrastructure world. He introduced Mr. Andrew Tritt as the City's Placement Agent.

Mr. Andrew Tritt, with Stifel Financial Services, gave an update of the day at the Bond Market. He stated that it was a great day at the market. Everyone has done an amazing job working together compiling all of this information. The City of Monroe got a Bond Rating from Moody's Investors Service, who provided an investment grade Bond Rating A2. This helped sell the Bonds at the level that they did, and the interest rate is absolutely phenomenal. The City is down 138 basis points compared to the beginning of 2019. They sold \$50 million worth of Bonds at the Market today. The rate was able to be lowered again, due to a variety of interest. The total arbitrage yield is 2.22%, it is tax exempt, from year seven to 30, and the 30-year money is weighted on the back end. He stated they are very pleased with the outcome. The Parity Ordinance authorizes everything.

Ms. Shaney Lokken, with Murray Barnes Finister, LLP, stated her firm has been serving as Bond Council and Disclosure Council for the City on this Bond Issuance. She stated that the City issued four of the Combined Utility System Bonds in 2016, so the original Master Bond Ordinance was put in place in 2016. The reason this is called a Parity Bond Ordinance is because the original Ordinance allowed for additional bonds to be issued in the future, under certain circumstances. The Parity Bond Ordinance primarily focuses on the specific terms for these 2020 Bonds that are proposed tonight, which authorizes the specific terms for these bonds. It also ratifies the provisions from the 2016 Master Ordinance as being applicable to these bonds. A couple of amendments made to the Ordinance are included, primarily to allow for the insurer of these bonds.

To approve and adopt the Parity Bond Ordinance to authorize the issuance of the City of Monroe Combined Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, to pay the costs of certain improvements to the Combined Utility System, the premium for the bond insurance policy, and the premium for the debt service reserves surety bond, and to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of related documents including but not limited to the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Paying Agent Agreement, and the Custodial Agreement.

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by R. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously*

7. Approval – Purchase 30-Ton Dump Trailer – To purchase from Gainesville Truck Center for \$61,653.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee October 6, 2020)

To approve.

*Motion by Little, seconded by L. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

8. Yield Analysis Update Engineering Services – Approval of Wiedeman & Singleton for \$15,000.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee October 6, 2020)

To approve.

*Motion by Little, seconded by R. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*

9. Code Officer Appeal – 410 East Church Street

Attorney John Andrew Nix stated there will be three presenters, and he will be the last person to speak. He requested Ms. Joy Gilliam to come forward and introduce herself again; there will be two representatives from Pyramid Healthcare to speak and answer any questions.

Ms. Joy Gilliam, one of the owners of Sparrow Hill Inn, discussed Pyramid Healthcare. She stated that she and her husband have personal experience with Pyramid and their program. She reiterated that Sparrow Hill Inn is a commercial property, and there are a lot of other commercial properties on Church Street. They have physically witnessed what type of neighbor Pyramid is. They are a commercial property in a residential area at their other property. They are extremely quiet, respectful, create very little traffic, keep their property impeccably maintained, and don't have any signs. She stated that in this world it is hard to have any real guarantees, even the Bible

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says we can't be guaranteed a tomorrow. Ms. Gilliam discussed the probability that Pyramid will own the property for a very long time and being a huge asset to the City and County.

Mr. Derek Gwaltney, Vice-President of Marketing with Pyramid Healthcare, gave a brief reminder on the facility they want to bring to Monroe. They are looking to treat mid-life adults, professionals, people with real family engagement, who want to be there, and are looking to get well. They will provide 24-hour staffing, 24-hour care, and oversight. The workers will be residents of Monroe or the surrounding Counties; the staff does not live on-site.

Council Member David Dickinson stated he researched Silver Ridge, which is not in Ashville. It is in Mills River, half way to Hendersonville. He questioned why people suffering from drug and alcohol addiction would be put in a facility where they can walk out of at any time. They are five minutes away from a number of convenience stores where they can purchase alcohol or five minutes away from someone who would sell them drugs.

Mr. Chad Husted, Executive Vice-President of Southeastern Operations of Pyramid Healthcare, stated he has been with the company for about five years. He lives in Atlanta and has been in this field for twenty-five years. They very much care about the community of Monroe. He has been through this process about ten times in different communities. They worked through the concerns from the community together with Mills River. They no longer have any opposition there; they are part of the fabric of the community now. This program does not serve the individuals who can go out and just get beer and drugs in the streets; these individuals are qualified to be in this program. There has been an extensive assessment process remotely where they say that they want to change. This is an intrinsic program that they support, which is different than an extrinsic program. Their treatment model is that they want to be there and want the help to change. He stated the doors are not locked, because someone can not be forced to do something that they are not interested in doing. Mr. Husted discussed other programs that he has been involved with. These individuals are seeking change with discretion; to get their lives back together and to go back to their day to day living.

Mr. Nix stated that this is not a rezoning request or a variance request. This all began with an inquiry to Mr. Kelley's office about whether the use being sought was permitted in B2 Zoning. Mr. Kelley has an opinion that this use is not permitted under B2 Zoning. He stated under the City's Ordinance, the B2 Zoning classification allows a full range of professional, office, institutional service, and retail businesses needed by residents of and visitors to the City and the Region. The people talking against this live in a Zoning District created by the City of Monroe that allows these uses within it. Mr. Nix and Mr. Kelley have had the discussion of where their use fits. He stated sister uses in the Zoning Ordinance related to this use are convalescent care, nursing homes, rest homes, hospitals, laboratories, personal care homes, family personal care homes, group personal care homes, and congregate private offices; but their use is not there. He discussed the definitions in the City's Zoning Ordinance, the intention of the Ordinance, and the North American Industry Classification System national publication. He argues after everything is considered that the City's Zoning Code allows this use, and does not require any action by Council, other than agreeing with them, and disagreeing with Mr. Kelley's interpretation. Mr. Nix discussed the Fair Housing Act, and Due Process and Equal Protection under the United States Constitution, the Georgia Constitution, and the City of Monroe's Zoning Ordinance. He stated Federal Law considers someone who has an addiction to alcohol or drugs to be handicapped and questioned whether a home setup for a handicapped person has protection under the Fair Housing Act.

Mr. Dickinson discussed a person suffering for alcohol or drug addiction being automatically covered under the Fair Housing Act and ADA, which is not true. He stated in all of the cases where Cities are sued due to the FHA, ADA, and the Rehabilitation Act, the person has to be recovering and not suffering from the problem. He questioned whether Mr. Nix would concede that despite the hundred or so cases in District Courts and Court of Appeals across the country, there is no definition of what recovering means. It is case by case; the United States Supreme Court has never addressed it. He discussed various cases and merits to the arguments. Mr. Dickinson stated he doesn't feel that everything goes in one direction like Mr. Nix is saying.

Mr. Nix stated that the Circuits don't align themselves; there is different law coming out of different Circuits. This is not a slam dunk, but it is something that reasonable people can litigate, due to it not being clear. He believes the Courts are going to be sympathetic and support quality care. He thinks the Zoning Ordinance is fraught with gaps; the rational basis for excluding does not line up with the Ordinance. Mr. Nix stated he is not a Federal Litigator and stays away from Federal Court.

Council Member Ross Bradley stated Mr. Kelley's letter gave the applicant two options, to either appeal the decision to Council or to apply for a variance. He questioned the choice to appeal the decision, which takes the public component out of the initial decision-making process.

Mr. Nix stated he doesn't think that procedurally they could get a variance, because the Zoning isn't permitted under Mr. Kelley's interpretation. A variance would typically be an adjustment to how a property could be developed, such as a setback adjustment. He stated a variance doesn't fit what they are doing.

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley stated that he is not a lawyer and is only trying to look out for the community. He stated the NAICS is an economic classification, which has nothing to do with zoning. The national publication has no bearing on zoning anywhere. That definition was used because it agreed with their argument. Mr. Kelley stated in the absence of a definition he used the common meaning in his interpretation; he used Websters and Wikipedia, an older source and a more recent source. He used common meanings when making his determination. He stated that it has been pointed out that this use is completely not allowed in the City of Monroe based on his interpretation, which is not the case. It would actually be allowed; it is a permitted use in B3 Zoning and is not prohibited throughout the City. He explained even though he mentioned a variance and an appeal in his letter, a zoning lawyer would know that they could apply for a text amendment to have this use included in clear language in the Ordinance itself. That effort was not made and would require a public notice. He believes public notice was trying to be avoided and was intimated in a conversation. Mr. Kelley stated that he immediately responded to the request for an interpretation in March; there was some time lag between wanting to get the lawyers involved, which he did not suggest. He just wanted to clarify how he reached his decision.

No Action.

V. **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Crawford.
Passed Unanimously.*

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Code Department


*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by L. Bradley.
Voting no Garrett, Crawford.
Passed 4-2.*

VI. **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor John Howard stated the Blue Rooster will be opening Thursday. Early voting began this week, with nine extra days. He has discussed the trash problem with John Mura and Clay Edmondson. The Battle of the Burgers will be on October 24. Mayor Howard read a letter from Mr. Brian Krawczyk bragging on all the improvements in the City of Monroe.

VII. **ADJOURN**

*Motion by R. Bradley, seconded by Little.
Passed Unanimously.*



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
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	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Ross Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
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	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Thomas Mitchell	City Attorney (via Zoom)
 Absent:	 Lee Malcom	 Council Member
 Staff Present:	 Patrick Kelley	

I. Call to Order – John Howard

1. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that all Council Members were present, except Council Member Lee Malcom. Attorney Thomas Mitchell was present via Zoom, representing the City. There was a quorum.

II. Legal Issue (s)

1. Legal Matter

Council Member David Dickinson made a motion to deny the appeal and uphold the Code Department’s decision. Motion died for a lack of a second.


Council Member Norman Garrett made a motion to approve the appeal. Council Member Myoshia Crawford seconded the motion. Council Member Nathan Little, Council Member David Dickinson, Council Member Larry Bradley, and Council Member Ross Bradley opposed the motion.

Motion to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Code Department

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by L. Bradley.
Voting no Garrett, Crawford.
Passed 4-2.*

III. Adjourn to Regular Session

*Motion by Little, seconded by R. Bradley.
Passed Unanimously.*


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