



MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:00 pm
MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

1. The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Parsons at 7:00 p.m.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Parsons. A prayer was offered by Councilmember Mathie.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Johnny Parsons

Councilmembers:

Dane Buchmiller -absent

Janet Cartwright

Michael Mathie

Perry Payne

Erica Serrine

Public Works Director Devin Magleby

Power Foreman Josey Parsons

Streets Foreman John Draper

City Recorder Allison Leavitt

4. Consider a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings August 8,2023

Councilmember Serrine moved to approve the August 8, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cartwright . A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Cartwright, Mathie, Payne and Serrine. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 4-0

Residents living along 240 N in the White Fence Subdivision expressed their concerns of drivers exceeding the speed limit as they drive past their homes. They are concerned because there are a lot of children in the area and are afraid someone is going to get hurt. They stated that they have spoken with law enforcement, but things have not improved.

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Mayor Parsons explained that Sevier County Sherriff Deputy Travis Avery was unable to be here tonight to hear their concerns but asked that we get their contact information, and he would contact them tomorrow to see what steps can be taken to slow people down in their neighborhood.

The Council thanked them for coming and expressing their concerns and they are hopeful that Deputy Avery can help with the situation. Councilmember Mathie explained that the Sherriff's department knows they have the support from the Council in what actions are taken to help remedy the problem.

5. Business

a. Six County Association Community Adviser - Tyler Timmons

Tyler Timmons reviewed with the Council the new advisor program that the legislature recently funded to help small communities that cannot afford a full time City Administrator.

Mr. Timmons explained that he has been assigned to work with our City and would like to know of any items the Council would like him to work on. Some examples of what he can help the City with are ordinance, grants, and ways to help generate revenue for the City.

The Council discussed different ideas of what Mr. Timmons could help the City with. Mayor Parsons asked the Council to think about projects in their departments that may benefit from this new program and scheduled a work session at 6:00 p.m. before our next Council meeting to be held on September 12, 2023.

b. Consider Electric Power Surcharge adjustment

City Recorder Allison Leavitt provided the Council with a breakdown of where we stand with the purchase power cost deficit. As of June 2023, we had a deficit of \$388,520. We have collected to date \$218,796 this leaves us with a balance of \$169,723.

The Council discussed the importance of the power department needing to cover their costs of purchased power and that they were hoping to be able to remove or reduce the purchase power adjustment (surcharge), but it does not appear we have recovered enough of our losses to do either.

77 Councilmember Serrine moved to continue the purchase power adjustment of .04 cents
78 per kWh at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Payne. A roll call
79 vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Cartwright, Mathie, Payne and Serrine. The
80 vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 4-0

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82 Councilmember Mathie asked that the Council review current data on a monthly basis.

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84 Power Foreman Josey Parsons discussed with the Council his recommendation of hiring a
85 consulting firm to perform a power rate study. Utility Financial Solution (UFS) was a
86 vendor at the recent UAMPS retreat, where Councilmember Payne and Streets Foreman
87 John Draper visited with them. Mayor Parsons asked what the cost of the study would be.
88 Power Foreman Josey Parsons stated that he was unsure and that it would depend on the
89 type of study we have them conduct. This company could do a rate study for all of our
90 departments, but It was stated that our water systems with a rate study is currently being
91 done, but we may want our irrigation and power rates looked at.

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93 Councilmember Payne stated that he understands there will be costs associated with this
94 study, but it will help us better understand what our rates need to be in order to stay in
95 business. Councilmember Payne, Power Foreman Josey Parsons, and Streets Foreman
96 John Draper agreed that the study would help explain to our customers the rates we need
97 to charge and why.

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99 It was decided to hold a work session with a representative of UFS for a presentation of
100 what their service can provide and a cost estimate. Power Foreman Josey Parsons will
101 contact the company and set up a time for the work session.

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107 City Recorder Allison Leavitt-

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109 *Public Power Picnic will be held on August 28, 2023, would like Councilmembers to be
110 there by 5:15 p.m. to start cooking.

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112 Power Foreman Josey Parsons –

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114 No further business.

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116 Streets Foreman John Draper –

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118 *Has not been able to contact the sellers of the used bucket truck in Nephi. Mayor
119 Parsons asked him to try one more time.

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Public Works Director Devin Magleby-

*He and Water Foreman DarRell Payne will be attending RWAU conference in Layton.
Water Foreman DarRell Payne will renew his cross-connection certification.

b. Department Business-Council

Councilmember Payne –

*Attended the UAMPS retreat in Jackson Hole. It was very informative, and it appears all of the power departments like ours are in the same boat. UAMPS is working hard to find more affordable power. Our base source of energy, coal is basically gone and wind and solar are good sources, but they are not a good base source. They are still moving forward on the NuScale nuclear plant with high hopes it will play out.

*Mapping of the irrigation risers is nearly completed; Coy Barton with Jones and DeMille Engineering is working on this project. This information is needed for us to proceed with the secondary water metering project.

Councilmember Cartwright –

No further business.

Councilmember Serrine –

No further business.

Councilmember Mathie –

No further business.

Mayor Parsons –

7. Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration,
Councilmember Serrine moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:42p.m. The**

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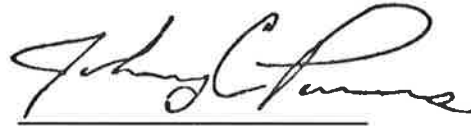
motion was seconded by Councilmember Payne. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 4-0

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Monroe City Office.

Approved this 12th day of September 2023.



Allison Leavitt
Monroe City Recorder



Johnny C. Parsons
Mayor