



MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm  
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6 **1.** The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Parsons at  
7 7:00 p.m.

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9 **2.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Cartwright. Councilmember Serrine  
10 offered a prayer.

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12 **3. Roll Call**

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14 Mayor Johnny Parsons  
15 Councilmembers:  
16 Janet Cartwright  
17 Ryan Johnson  
18 Michael Mathie arrived at 7:15 p.m.  
19 Perry Payne - absent  
20 Erica Serrine  
21 Power Foreman Josey Parsons  
22 Public Works Director John Draper  
23 City Recorder Allison Leavitt  
24 Mason Baker – UAMPS - CEO & General Manager  
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26 **4. Consider a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held February 27, 2024.**

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28 **Councilmember Serrine moved to approve the February 27, 2024, Regular City Council**  
29 **Meeting Minutes with corrections. Councilmember Cartwright seconded the motion. A roll**  
30 **call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Cartwright, Johnson, and Serrine. The vote**  
31 **was unanimous. The motion carried. 3-0**

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33 **5. Citizen input – Limit of 3 minutes per comment**

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35 **6. Approval of February 2024 warrant register, cash disbursements, adjustment journal and**  
36 **aging report.**

38 **Councilmembers reviewed and signed the February 2024, warrant register, cash**  
39 **disbursements, adjustment journal, and aging report.**

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## 41 **7. Business**

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43 a. UAMPS PORTFOLIO REVIEW - Mason Baker CEO & General Manager

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45 Mason Baker CEO & General Manager of UAMPS presented to the Council a presentation explaining  
46 what UAMPS is and Monroe City's participation within the UAMPS organization.

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48 Mr. Baker explained that UAMPS consists of fifty members in seven different states and is part of  
49 sixteen energy generating projects.

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51 Mr. Baker explained that for many years power was available and affordable so there was little to no  
52 incentive to research or build new power plants. Now it is necessary to organize and create plans for  
53 power generation in the future. UAMPS has three goals: Long term planning, optimizing existing  
54 resources, and exploring new resources.

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56 UAMPS' 2023 resource types are 25% hydro, 15% coal, 21% natural gas, 3% solar, 3% wind, purchases  
57 30%, 1% landfill gas, 1% waste heat, and 1% nuclear. UAMPS goal is to obtain other energy sources to  
58 reduce the amount of purchased power and replace the shrinking coal production.

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60 Monroe City's 2023 resource types were 21% hydro, 18% coal, 30% natural gas, 1% wind, and 30%  
61 purchased. Our resources are CRISP, Nebo, Hunter, IPP, PV Wind, Pool and PX purchases.

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63 Mr. Baker explained that it is important to have a balanced portfolio. Renewable energy is generally  
64 cheaper but is not normally storable energy such as hydro, coal or natural gas.

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66 Mr. Baker displayed graphs showing the average costs of power since 1995. Power prices spiked in  
67 2000-2001 to just under \$200 MWh, and then remained consistently below \$100 MWh until 2022 -  
68 2023 where we seen prices at nearly \$275 MWh

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70 UAMPS energy transition challenge is low/no carbon resources, transmission, balancing resources,  
71 and energy supply chain. Mr. Baker explained that we need new generation, but with the new  
72 generation we will need additional transmission lines for the new power.

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74 UAMPS integrated resource plan recommendations are:

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- 76 • Aggressive thermal plant development and acquisition.
- 77 • Pursue competitive solar energy with and without batteries, as well as wind  
78 power.
- 79 • Preserve Nebo & Hunter 2 (i.e., extend retirement dates)
- 80 • Identify and procure land site options for future energy generation plants.

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82 The Council thanked Mr. Baker for coming tonight to help the Council better understand the energy  
83 generation environment and how it may affect Monroe City in the future.

84 b. Review and discuss the capital projects list for 2024

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86 The capital projects list is a list to help the Council identify the needs of our community and to  
87 prioritize the projects as they pertain to our needs. To apply for Community Impact Board (CIB)  
88 funding the project must be on this list, be one of the top three, and submitted to the Six County  
89 Association of Government by March 31, 2024.

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91 The Council reviewed the current list and discussed different projects, such as an addition to the  
92 Senior Citizen building, and participating with Monroe Canal Company in enclosing canal which our  
93 storm water runs into.

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95 Tonight was to review and discuss projects, and a final decision will be made at our next meeting.

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97 **8. Other Business**

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99 a. Staff Reports

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101 1. Set Employee and Councilmember Recognition Dinner

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103 The Council decided to have our Employee and Councilmember Recognition Dinner on April 1, 2024,  
104 at 6:00 pm at the firehouse.

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106 City Recorder Allison Leavitt-

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108 No further business

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110 Power Foreman Josey Parsons –

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112 \*Continuing to gather information concerning the City purchasing an energy producing generator. He  
113 has looked at different name brands and he has only been able to get prices on the generator itself  
114 not the complete setup that has been presented to the Council from Wheeler Caterpillar. Is currently  
115 talking with the Payson City Power Superintendent, who is very well acquainted with the different  
116 types of generators, and he recommends not going with a Cummins generator because it would not  
117 meet our needs.

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119 There was some discussion concerning the size of the generator and its efficiency. To get better  
120 efficiency we would have to purchase a much bigger generator, which may be oversized for our  
121 project. These are some of the questions we need to have answered before deciding on the  
122 generator project.

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124 Power Foreman Josey Parsons will also discuss the different scenarios with UAMPS to help with  
125 needed information.

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127 Public Works Director John Draper-

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129 \*Replaced the motor on the park's lawn mower.

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131 \*A large tree went down during the recent windstorm. Did not damage any headstones and the crew  
132 was able to get the tree cleaned up very quickly.

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134 \*During the last windstorm power was taken out at two separate locations (tree and a roof from a  
135 shed) Public Works Director John Draper and Power Foreman Josey Parsons were able to get the  
136 problem remedied and power restored within a few hours.

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138 \*Had a going away employee lunch today with City staff for Kaycee Barker, Parks Foreman.

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140 \*Job opening for parks closed today. Have some good applicants, but not sure how many part-time  
141 park employees will need this year. Parks Foreman Kaycee Barker has stated that having multiple  
142 teenagers last year was difficult, she spent a lot of time directing them on what to do which kept her  
143 from her duties.

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145 c. Department Business-Council

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147 Councilmember Cartwright-

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149 \*Very appreciative and impressed on how quickly the cemetery was cleaned up after the large tree  
150 fell. Everything looks good out there.

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152 Councilmember Mathie-

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154 \*Recently attending Rural Water Utah Association conference in St. George. There were vendors  
155 there that now have a new type of septic system to help communities such as Monroe with no sewer  
156 systems. There was discussion that the State could mandate these types of system to communities  
157 that do not have sewer system to help protect their water sources.

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159 \*Parker Vercimak, Jones and DeMille Engineering, is continuing to work on the secondary water  
160 easement process. The plan as of now is for Mr. Vercimak to submit an arial map of our system, with  
161 a statement that the lines have been in for more than twenty years to our attorney and then this will  
162 be submitted to the Division of Water attorney's office. We are hoping that these documents will be  
163 accepted, and we will not have to obtain utility easements from our residents to install meters on  
164 the secondary water system.

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166 Councilmember Serrine-

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168 \*Snow College Physics Professor from the Ephriam Campus is asking if we would be willing to listen  
169 to a dark skies' presentation. They are doing presentations to other Councils and would like to do a  
170 presentation to ours. The Council is willing to listen to their presentation.

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172 \*Received an email from a concerned citizen about the Monroe Trail Committee (MTC) proposal and  
173 the City Council support. All members of the Council received the same email. The Council discussed  
174 some of the concerns stated in the email, such as trash removal and general maintenance. The  
175 Council believes that the MTC is dedicated to taking care of these items. The email did not change  
176 any of the Councilmember's decision to support the MTC.

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178 Councilmember Johnson-

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180 No further business.

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182 Mayor Parsons-

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186 **9. Adjournment**

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188 **There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration,**  
189 **Councilmember Mathie moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:40 p.m.**  
190 **Councilmember Serrine seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion**  
191 **carried. 4-0**

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193 The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 26,  
194 2024 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Monroe City Office.

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196 Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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199 Allison Leavitt  
200 Monroe City Recorder

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Johnny C. Parsons  
Mayor

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