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MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 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 Councilmember Payne. Mayor Parsons offered a prayer.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Johnny Parsons

Councilmembers:

Janet Cartwright

Ryan Johnson

Michael Mathie

Perry Payne

Erica Serrine

Public Works Director John Draper

Power Foreman Josey Parsons

City Recorder Allison Leavitt

4. Consider a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held June 26, 2024, and the regular Council meeting held on September 10, 2024.

Councilmember Payne moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 26, 2024, as corrected. Councilmember Cartwright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Cartwright, Johnson, Mathie, Payne, and Serrine. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 5-0

Councilmember Serrine moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting held September 10, 2024, as corrected. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Cartwright, Johnson, Mathie, Payne, and Serrine. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 5-0

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

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40 Bob Lee, past Monroe City Parks Foreman, came tonight to thank the Council for all that they
41 do for the City. Mr. Lee will be leaving the area for a while and wanted to say goodbye.

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43 Mayor Parsons thanked Mr. Lee for his comments and stated that he did a great job while
44 working for the City.

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46 **6. Approval of September 2024 warrant register, cash disbursements, and adjustment**
47 **journal.**

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49 **Councilmembers reviewed and signed the September 2024 warrant register, cash,**
50 **disbursements, adjustment journal.**

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52 **7. Business**

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54 a. Dark Skies Information - Jon Pugmire Snow College Science Department

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56 Jon Pugmire, Associate Professor with Snow College, gave a presentation to the Council
57 about preserving our dark skies and the City working on being designated as a Dark Skies
58 City. It is important for rural areas to maintain dark skies so that we do not lose sight of the
59 Milky Way. There are areas of the Wasatch Front where most of the milky way is not visible.

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61 Mr. Pugmire suggested that the City research and consider adopting an ordinance which
62 helps prevent light pollution from future growth. Other cities that have adopted an ordinance
63 do allow for existing lighting to be grandfathered.

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65 Mr. Pugmire showed in his presentation the difference between the types of lighting and how
66 some lights cause less visibility with more light pollution, light trespassing, and steps to
67 become a Dark Skies City.

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69 Councilmember Serrine stated that even if the City is not interested on becoming a Dark Skies
70 City at this time this was good information for the Council to hear. Councilmember Payne
71 stated that he thinks light trespassing is a problem for residents in Monroe.

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73 b. Drainage- Mark and Jenny Christensen

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75 Jenny and Mark Christensen explained to the Council that since Hot Spring Estates final
76 phase has been completed when it rains, mud and water fill their yard clear up to their
77 garage. They requested the City make some changes to the drainage in this area to prevent
78 their property from being inundated with the mud and water when it storms.

79 Mayor Parsons stated that he and Public Works Director John Draper had gone by and
80 inspected the area before tonight's meeting and discovered that the Christensen's property
81 was built much lower than the road and the neighbor had brought in road base which causes
82 the water to flow towards the Christensen's property.

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84 Public Works Director John Draper stated that he has visited with the neighbor, and they are
85 okay if he comes in with the grader and cuts down the gravel in front of their house to allow
86 for better drainage, which should help the Christensen's situation.

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88 c. City Property 650 S Main - Magnify Monroe Group

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90 Kathleen Schoemig, member of Magnify Monroe Group, stated that she loves Monroe and is
91 proud of how the Council takes care of the City. She stated that her concern tonight is the
92 plans to develop the City property at 650 S Main as an additional City yard.

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94 Ms. Schoemig stated that the property is where visitors enter the canyon and Monroe
95 Mountain and a chain link fence and City yard overflow in the area will not be an attractive
96 site.

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98 Mayor Parsons explained that the City is accumulating more expensive equipment, and we
99 need to construct a building to keep the equipment out of the weather and places to store
100 other City materials.

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102 It was stated that Magnify Monroe Group would like the Council to reconsider using this
103 property as a City yard, since the current yard appears to be large enough if it was cleaned up
104 and better organized.

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106 Greg Abbott asked what the timeline was for developing this property. Mayor Parsons
107 explained that for now only the fence is going to be installed. We are working with the Senior
108 Citizen group to construct a new Senior Citizen building on property adjacent to this property,
109 construct a parking lot for the Senior Citizen building, place the annual spring cleanup
110 dumpsters inside of fenced property to help control the misuse of the dumpsters during the
111 clean-up period, and when funds are available a building for equipment would be
112 constructed.

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114 Mayor Parsons stated that there has been discussion concerning planting trees in the area
115 but because there is no irrigation water to this property much more than that would not be
116 feasible.

117 Mayor Parsons stated that the comments made tonight were appreciated and there would
118 be no decisions made tonight on any other plans for the property except for the installation
119 of the fence, that was previously approved by the Council and purchased.

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121 d. Central Utah Air Sports Association (CUASA)-Recap on Red Rock Fly-in Event-
122 Lindsey Ripa Burns

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124 Lindsey Ripa Burns, President of CUASA, stated that the Paraglider events their organization
125 recently held were all a success. The World Cup, which has not been held in United States in
126 over 12-years and was held this year in Monroe and the flyers really liked it. The weather did
127 limit them on a few of their tasks but overall went very well.

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129 The Red Rock Open Fly-in has been held for the past ten years and there were over 200 pilots
130 this year. The weather cooperated and they were able to fly all seven nights of the event.
131 Again, this year they worked with local businesses to provide discounts for the flyers and had
132 the free ice cream night at the Monroe Canyon RV park.

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134 Sevier County Commissioners and Amy Myers, Director of Travel & Tourism, attended one
135 evening during when there were about 200 flyers in the sky. It was a cool sight to see. The
136 Commissioners decided that the road going up to Thompson Basin needs some work and will
137 try to put this in next year's budget.

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139 Ms. Ripa Burns stated that CUASA likes to give back to the community and presented Mayor
140 Parsons with a check for \$3000 and a check to the Sevier County EMS for \$2000. Mayor
141 Parsons asked Ms. Ripa Burns if there were any specific items she would like to see done at
142 the fly-in zone. She stated that a hybrid windsock and some low-level lighting at the pavilion
143 would be very helpful.

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145 Mayor Parsons thanked Ms. Ripa Burns for all her hard work in holding these events and
146 stated that it was very impressive this year.

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148 e. Consider Ordinance 10 1 2024 - Overnight Camping

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150 The council reviewed Ordinance 10 1 2024 and made changes to state that a person could
151 camp on their own property or those with permission from the property owner could camp
152 on the private property for a short period of time.

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154 **Councilmember Mathie moved to adopt Ordinance 10 1 2024 -Overnight Camping with**
155 **changes. Councilmember Payne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes:**

156 **Councilmembers Cartwright, Johnson, Mathie, Payne, and Sirrine. The vote was unanimous.**
157 **The motion carried. 5-0**

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159 f. Consider participation in UAMPS Natural Gas Project

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161 Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained to the Council that after attending the zoom
162 presentation from UAMPS on their plans to construct a natural gas-powered peaking plant
163 and base power plant with Mayor Parsons, Councilmember Payne, and Councilmember
164 Cartwright it was determined that a meeting with Monroe City Utility Board should be held.

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166 During the meeting with the Utility Board, Power Foreman Josey Parsons discussed with
167 them the pros and cons of participating with UAMPS gas fired plants or the City installing and
168 maintaining our own gas power generator to cover our peaking needs.

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170 Power Foreman Josey Parsons reviewed with the Council the same pros and cons discussed
171 with the Utility Board including the difference is cost per kWh. The concern expressed at the
172 Utility Board meeting was that we would have to hire someone to cover the daily
173 administration needs of an individually owned generator. UAMPS would offer us this service,
174 but the costs are unknown. The cost per kWh for the generator would be based on how
175 much we use it and because of the set cost of the debt payment on the generator the cost
176 per kWh could exceed 18-20 cents per kWh, which is much higher than what UAMPS is
177 predicting their kWh costs would be.

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179 The Utility Board members discussed the pros and cons and concluded that participating
180 with the UAMPS is more feasible and reduces the City's risk and costs associated with
181 installing our own generator. A motion was made in the Utility Board meeting to recommend
182 to the City Council participation in the UAMPS natural gas peaking plant and natural gas base
183 power plant versus installation of our own natural gas generator.

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185 Councilmember Payne stated that with the industry moving away from coal-fired power
186 plants we will continue to purchase power from different sources. Councilmember Cartwright
187 stated that she was in favor of the City installing their own gas power generator, but after the
188 UAMPS presentation she believes participating with the UAMPS gas fired power plants will
189 be better for the City's power department.

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191 Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained that UAMPS needs a verbal but binding
192 commitment on Monroe's participation in their power plants by November 14, 2024. UAMPS
193 has determined the recommended amount of participation Monroe should commit to. These
194 figures have come from our historical peak use and overall needs, so Power Foreman Josey
195 Parsons is comfortable with the commitment amounts.

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Councilmember Payne moved to approve the commitment to participate in UAMPS natural gas fired peaking plant and base plant at UAMPS recommended amounts. Councilmember Cartwright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Cartwright, Johnson, Mathie, Payne, and Sirrine. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 5-0

Councilmember Mathie explained to those in attendance that Monroe had been working with UAMPS in constructing a nuclear power plant for several years and this was recently abandoned due to lack of participation, so this is the best option we have at this time to help with power supply.

8. Other Business

a. Staff Reports

City Recorder Allison Leavitt

No further business.

Public Works Director John Draper

No further business.

Power Foreman Josey Parsons

No further business

b. Department Business-Council

Councilmember Mathie –

*Contractor for the secondary water meter project will begin soon after irrigation water is turned out of the system, and they will begin on the south end of town.

It was discussed on how to handle the situation of customers who want to opt out of the irrigation system to avoid paying the increased irrigation rates. After discussing different scenarios, it was determined that City Recorder Allison Leavitt would speak with City Attorney Eric Johnson on the City’s authority to require all current irrigation customers to pay the monthly fee whether they use the water or not.

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*There has been some on-site visits and discussions on how to handle secondary water meter installation on properties owned by Rhet Parsons, Pete Weimer, Kathleen Schoemig, and Tracy Johnson. Koy Barton, Jones and DeMille Engineering, will email Mayor Parsons their suggested plans and this email will be forwarded to Councilmembers.

Councilmember Cartwright –

*Ribbon cutting ceremony for the cemetery roads was held and it turned out very nice. The Creamer family was very happy with the bench and appreciated the efforts of the City to see Patric Creamer’s wish of paving the roads come to be. Councilmember Payne attended and stated that Councilmember Cartwright did a very good job.

Councilmember Payne –

*Will review the power policy concerning our demand charge with Power Foreman Josey Parsons and contact John Larson with their decision.

Councilmember Johnson-

*Thanked Public Works Director John Draper for installing speed limit signs on Bohman Road.

*Mayor Parsons reported that he attended the final meeting with the Community Impact Board (CIB) and Monroe City received a grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the stormwater improvement project in conjunction with Monroe Canal Company’s project to pipe the canal through Monroe City.

Councilmember Serrine –

No further business.

Mayor Parsons –

*Met with Trent Brown, Sunrise Engineering, James Outzen, property owner near Jones Road and 100 W about the property being considered for the new Senior Citizen Building. Mr. Outzen stated that his family is not interested in dividing the abandoned road because of the utilities in the road they would not be able to utilize the property, and they do not want to pay property taxes on the extra acreage. Mayor Parsons offered in exchange for this property the City would provide them with an access off of 100 W instead of Jones Road that has been previously discussed. Mr. Brown will survey and plat the property per this decision.

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Mr. Brown told Mayor Parsons that he believes he can design a building to fit the property dimensions and the needs of the senior citizens.

*Been discussing the survey marks at Canyon View Subdivision. This subdivision was mis-surveyed at the very beginning and is continuing to cause problems. James Hintze has hired Rex Friant to survey the property again and confirm that his deed from years ago matches what is on the land. After Mr. Friant surveyed the property and visited with Mayor Parsons, the property was short of the deeded acre, so Mayor Parsons told Mr. Friant to discuss options with Mr. Hintze and file a correct plat to match the deed of an acre. This can be accommodated because Monroe City owns the property used to meet the one-acre property amount.

Hopefully once and for all this issue will be resolved.


9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Payne moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 5-0

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on October 22, 2024 starting at 7:00 p.m. at Monroe City Office.

Approved this 22nd day of October 2024.


Allison Leavitt
Monroe City Recorder


Johnny C. Parsons
Mayor