

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

Those Present:	Greg Thompson	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Denise Dixon	Council Member
	Nathan Purvis	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Rita Scott	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	Jimmy Richardson	Council Member
	Renee Prather	City Clerk

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Keith Glass, David Jahns, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelly

Visitors: Sadie Krawczyk, Beverly Harrison, Chris Bailey, Meagan Hurley, Norman Garrett, Sharon Swanepoel, Larry Fussell, Jack Smith, Dane Wagner, Roger Rowell, John Reiner, Jerry Cole, Dianne Thomas, Caleb Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER – GREG THOMPSON

1. Roll Call

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

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. March Monthly Reports

The Department heads presented the monthly reports.

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

a. Approval – Insurance Plan Amendment

Finance Director Renee Prather explained that the plan amendment implements the out-of-pocket limits, updating the amounts per the 2016 Affordable Care Act guidelines.

The committee recommends to Council approval of the insurance plan amendment as presented.

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

2. Airport

a. February 11, 2015 Airport Commission Minutes

The minutes are for informational purposes only.

No Action.

b. Proposal – Fuel Farm Service

Finance Director Renee Prather explained that the Fixed Base Operator will take care of all the details once the Fuel Farm is completed. The City Attorney will draw up a contract to be implemented once the terms have been approved.

Council Member Purvis stated the Airport Commission highly recommends approval of an agreement with Mr. Reiner.

The committee recommends approval of a contract with the FBO for the Fuel Farm Services to Council.

*Motion by Purvis, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

c. Courtesy Vehicle Use

Council Member Purvis stated the City has two older model Ford Taurus cars. It is being proposed to allow the Airport use of those cars for Courtesy Vehicles. This is part of the effort to make the Airport more competitive and economically viable in this market.

Finance Director Renee Prather explained that the agreements have been approved by the City Attorney.

The committee recommends to Council approval for use of the two Ford Taurus cars as Courtesy Vehicles at the Airport.

*Motion by Purvis, seconded by Adcock.
Passed Unanimously.*

Mayor Thompson clarified that the cars were already part of the fleet; the City did not buy the cars for this purpose.

3. Public Works**a. Discussion / Approval – Great American Cleanup Week, April 20-24, 2015**

Solid Waste Department Head Danny Smith explained the week of April 24th to be Great American Cleanup Week, which would allow the citizens of Monroe to bring any of their trash, tires and any recyclable items to the transfer station free of charge.

No Action.

4. Utilities**a. Disclosure – Potential Conflict of Interest Related to FY2015 CDBG Application**

Council Member Nathan Purvis disclosed a potential conflict of interest regarding the fact that he owns property in the City's 2015 CDBG target area, naming each of the property addresses. He explained that he previously stated his conflict of interest at the February 10, 2015 Council Meeting, and abstained from discussing or voting on any issues concerning the project. Mr. Purvis further stated that he will continue to abstain from voting on any issues concerning this project. He was not involved in the selection process for the area. The Director of Water and Gas, the Project Engineer, and the Grant Consultants chose the area based on severity of need for the proposed improvements.

No Action.

b. Discussion / Approval – Out of State Travel for SGA Conference

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks explained the request for an employee to travel to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the Southern Gas Association Spring Gas Conference & Expo.

The committee recommends to Council to allow out of state travel for Mr. Tommy Arnold to attend the South Gas Association Spring Gas Conference & Expo in Charlotte, North Carolina March 23-25, 2015.

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

c. Approval – Purchase of Vehicle with Articulating Aerial Device

Mr. Brian Thompson requested to purchase a telecommunications vehicle with articulating device, which is a CIP Project that will be funded by MCT Funds. It will be replacing a 1998 Ford F800 TECO aerial truck, which was condemned from any aerial line work, by the manufacturer in 2013. He is requesting to purchase a AT37G Model with a 2014 Dodge 5500 chassis from Altec Industries, the lowest bidder, for the amount of \$96,683.00.

The committee recommends the purchase of the vehicle from Altec Industries for the amount of \$96,683.00 to Council.

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

d. Discussion / Approval – Solar Policies and Tariff

Mr. Brian Thompson explained that the Georgia General Assembly has passed laws which make it easier to install and finance solar panels. This will require the City to buy a small percentage of that generated power back from the customer. Currently there is not a policy in place to cover solar hookups to the City’s system. Electric Cities has created a policy with tariffs built in, to recover the fixed cost back to the generator. Mr. Thompson explained that a solar powered house would have to be connected to the grid in order to pull power from the grid at night. Without a tariff in place, that usage would be spread out to the other customers. He is requesting Council to approve all the agreements, the distributed generation tariff, and the buy-back rate. To determine that rate ECG will calculate the avoided cost of generation price. This will be the market price and will change each month.

The committee recommends to Council to approve the policies, the tariff, the pay-back, and the avoided cost of generation rate.

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

5. Public Safety
No Items Scheduled.

6. Economic Development

Mr. Caleb Thompson, with Troup 705, discussed his Eagle Scout Project. He will be establishing two little free libraries boxes in Downtown Monroe, one will be located in the courtyard of the Art Guild and the other will be at Pilot Park off of Church Street.

Economic Development Specialist Sadie Krawczyk gave an update. She stated that the Monroe Mobile Tour connected to the Main Street Conference will be coming on April 1st. She stated that they are looking into participating in the Georgia Commission for Community Housing Program.

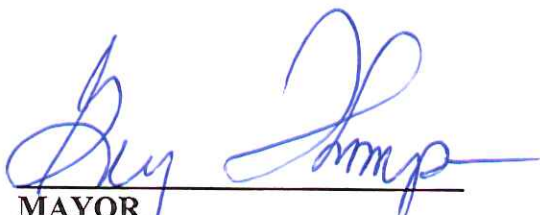
IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- 1. Upcoming Public Hearings**
 - a. Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendments**
- 2. Application – Beer & Wine Package Sales – Monroe Food Mart**
- 3. Request – Monroe First United Methodist Church Closure of Waverly Boulevard**
- 4. 1st Reading – Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendments**
- 5. Resolution – 2014 Budget Amendment**
- 6. Resolution – Georgia Cities Week, April 19-25, 2015**
- 7. Resolution – Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)**
- 8. Approval – Cross Parking License Agreement**
- 9. Approval – 2015 Concert Series Contracts**
- 10. Approval – Right of Way Acquisition Services LCI**

There was a general discussion on the above item. There was no action taken.

V. ADJOURN

*Motion by Dixon, seconded by Scott.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK