

The Mayor and Council met for their regular meeting.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Ross Bradley	Council Member
	Larry 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
	Jesse Couch	City Attorney

Staff Present: Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Keith Glass, Beth Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley, Bill Owens, R.V. Watts, Chris Bailey

Visitors: Sharon Swanepoel, Andrew Kenneson, Tyler Gregory, Lauren Gregory, Rob Green, Harold Patterson, Tommy Fountain, Mohammed Rahman, Mohammed A. Rahman, Adam Bailey, Ali Noorani, John Boyd, Michael Thompson, Jada Mukahanana, Darrell Stone, George Baker III, Greg Thompson

I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Invocation

Pastor Tommy Fountain of Grace Baptist Church gave the invocation.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

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

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. August 7, 2018 Council Minutes
- b. August 14, 2018 Council Minutes
- c. August 27, 2018 Council Minutes
- d. August 28, 2018 Council Minutes
- e. August 14, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- f. August 27, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- g. August 28, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- h. August 15, 2018 Airport Commission Minutes
- i. August 6, 2018 Planning Commission Minutes
- j. August 21, 2018 Planning Commission Minutes
- k. August 28, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
- l. August 9, 2018 Downtown Development Authority Minutes
- m. August 9, 2018 Conventions and Visitors Bureau Minutes
- n. New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Wireless Attachment Agreement – Approval of agreement for future construction. (Recommended for Council approval by Utilities Committee September 4, 2018)
- o. Fire Station Reroofing and Exterior Restoration – To contract with the Garland Company for \$114,826.00. (Recommended for Council approval by Public Safety Committee September 4, 2018)

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

II. PUBLIC FORUM**1. Public Comments**

Mr. Tyler Gregory spoke as a representative for the Mill Village Residents Association. He thanked Council for putting money into 5th Street and 6th Street, with the gutter and street project. He hopes the City has plans in the works for 3rd Street and 4th Street. He explained they would like to be a part of the conversation for continued improvement of the Mill Village, as things progress and move forward. They don't want to lose their little community; it is the center of life and vitality. Mr. Gregory stated they would like to have a neighborhood directory and a neighborhood watch to keep closer ties. They would like to improve their community with crosswalks and by cleaning up some yards. He discussed his history in Monroe over the last five years. He requested "SLOW Children at Play" signs to be installed on 4th Street. He stated they appreciate the police presence in the area, and the service that Council provides.

2. Public Hearing**a. Rezone – 203 Bold Springs Avenue**

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the application of Grace Fellowship Church for rezone of this property from PRD to PCD. Mr. Kelley stated the property consists of 8 acres. The property has 291.76 feet of road frontage on Bold Springs Avenue, 480.15 feet of road frontage on North Madison Avenue, 674.13 feet of road frontage on North Midland Avenue, and 317.54 feet of road frontage on East Marable Street. The Code Office and Planning Commission recommended the request be approved.

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

Mr. Rob Green, representing the applicant, spoke in favor of the rezone. He stated they are super excited about the old school. He appreciates the approval from the Planning Commission last week, and would love approval from Council so they can take the next steps of changing the old school into their worship campus.

Council Member Norman Garrett questioned the plans, other than having church services.

Mr. Green stated they have a lot of ideas. The old gym will be used as their sanctuary to hold worship services. The next two buildings will be used for the youth center and children's center. He stated there is a lot of opportunity with the kitchen and open greenspace. There are lots of ideas, but it will depend on funding.

Council Member Larry Bradley questioned whether Council is approving the zoning request, the plan, or both.

Mr. Kelley answered that as a Planned District, Council would be approving the plan. He explained they are having to request a rezone with their current plan.

Mayor Howard stated that Council is approving the concept of the rezone, and will approve future parts of the plan later.

Mr. Kelley explained that the applicant already has their requests designated on the plan. They would have to bring any changes to the plan back to Council for approval.

Council, staff, and Mr. Green discussed the plans for the buildings, how the buildings will be used, the final plan development, and the possibility of future modifications to the plan.

Mr. Tyler Gregory stated he likes the idea a lot.

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

No Action.

b. Variance – 416 South Broad Street

Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Kelley presented the request for a zoning variance. He explained the applicant Greg Thompson is requesting a variance of Section 700.2 Table 12 of the Zoning Ordinance for setbacks and building height. The property consists of 1.509 acres, and

has approximately 285 feet of road frontage on South Broad Street. The Code Office and the Planning Commission recommended the request be approved.

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

Mr. Greg Thompson spoke in favor of the variance. He stated it is a pleasure to bring this project before Council, and gave a brief overview. The grocery store will be expanded, and built out to the road. He explained a restaurant will be incorporated inside of the grocery store, and they will expand on all of their fresh meat and fresh produce. The store will be doubling the size of the current store, and there will be six loft apartments above the new addition.

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

No Action.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member David Dickinson recused himself.

1. Rezone – 203 Bold Springs Avenue

To approve the rezone.

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

2. Variance – 416 South Broad Street

To approve the variance.

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

3. Application – Beer & Wine Package Sales – The Market

To approve the application.

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

4. Application – Beer & Wine Package Sales – Monroe Food Mart

To approve the application.

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

Council Member Ross Bradley recused himself.

5. Application – Beer & Wine On-Premise Consumption – Your Pie

To approve the application.

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

Council Member David Dickinson recused himself.

6. Application – Spirituous Liquors and Beer & Wine On-Premise Consumption – South On Broad

To approve the application.

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

7. Appointment – Housing Authority

To reappoint Mary Watson to a five (5) year term to expire October 6, 2023.

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

8. 2nd Reading – Soil, Erosion, Sedimentation, & Pollution Control Ordinance Amendment

City Attorney Jesse Couch gave the second reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 42, Environment, Article IV – Soil, Erosion, Sedimentation, & Pollution Control, Section 42-136 through 42-143.

To adopt the ordinance.

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

9. Young Gamechangers Funding

Mayor Howard stated Walton County Development Authority has contributed some matching funds to the Young Gamechangers.

City Administrator Logan Propes explained that City of Monroe has budgeted \$25,000.00 this year to get the program started. He stated the City will be looking for partners for the program. The Development Authority has contributed to the program, and other private entities and non-profit organizations will also be joining in the Georgia Forward Program. Mr. Propes stated it is a very competitive application process for the 2019 community. He explained there are four challenge questions selected by the steering committee. Young professionals across the state, metro area, and Monroe will serve on the board. They will help discover unique answers to problems in Monroe. It will be a quality of life challenge, which will provide ideas on how to improve Monroe for the citizens.

To approve the \$25,000.00 funding for the Georgia Forward 2019 Young Gamechangers Sponsorship Program.

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

IV. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Based on today's announced retirement of Public Safety Director Keith Glass, to eliminate the position of Public Safety Director, effective January 1, 2019.

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

To approve the Mayor entering into a Retirement Agreement prepared by the City Attorneys with Public Safety Director Keith Glass that shall include Public Safety Director Keith Glass receiving three months of severance pay for the months of January, February, and March 2019 in recognition of his many years of service to the City of Monroe.

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

To appoint R.V. Watts as Interim Police Chief effective October 1, 2018 with a salary increase to begin on said date of \$7,500.00.

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

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

6:00 P.M.

To appoint Bill Owens as Interim Fire Chief effective October 1, 2018 with a salary increase to begin on said date of \$7,500.00.

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

To offer the Department Head Level Position of Director of Planning and Development to Darrell Stone to begin employment on October 15, 2018 for a starting salary of \$80,000.00 with other ancillary benefits to be negotiated with the City Administrator.

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

To approve a new organizational chart for the Department of Planning and Development which shall include the following Director-level positions to report to the Department Head Director of Planning and Development: Director of Code and Development; Director of Economic Development; Director of Planning; and with other departmental functions and positions as assigned.

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

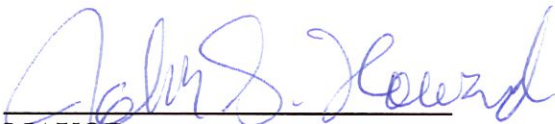
Mayor Howard recognized the date as September 11. He stated he would be remiss in saying that it was a pretty big day in the history of our country, and we want to keep all the ladies and gentlemen who died in that horrific act and their families in our prayers.

Council Member Larry Bradley expressed to Chief Glass how much we appreciate his service to the City of Monroe over the last 20 odd years. Mr. Bradley stated, the last seven years on the Council, he has had the opportunity to work with him and feels privileged to have done so and thanked him for what he has done. He looks forward to his retirement.

Chief Glass thanked the City of Monroe for the opportunity that he was given. He thanked the City and the citizens.

V. ADJOURN

*Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Garrett.
Passed Unanimously.*



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

The Mayor and Council met for an Executive Session.

Those Present:

John Howard
 Wayne Adcock
 Lee Malcom
 Myoshia Crawford
 Ross Bradley
 Larry Bradley
 Norman Garrett
 Nathan Little
 David Dickinson
 Logan Propes
 Russell Preston
 Jesse Couch

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I. Call to Order – John Howard

1. Roll Call

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

II. Personnel Issue (s)

1. Personnel Matter

Personnel matters were discussed, including attorney-client discussions.


III. Legal Issue (s)

1. Legal Matter

There were no legal matters discussed.

IV. Adjourn to Regular Session

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



 MAYOR



 CITY CLERK