

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
	Matthew Chancey	City Administrator
	Renee Prather	City Clerk

Staff Present: Jeremiah Still, Danny Smith, Keith Glass, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley

Visitors: Norman Garrett, Sadie Krawczyk, Patrice Broughton, Raquel Willis, David Jahns, Rick Jarvis, Baer Jarvis

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

No Items Scheduled.

2. Airport

No Items Scheduled.

3. Public Works

a. Discussion – RFQ Recycling

City Administrator Matthew Chancey recalled that it was discussed at the budget retreat to potentially put out a request for qualifications for recycling services. The information is currently at the City Attorney's office for review.

Mr. Danny Smith touched on the highlights and outlined some of the specifics of the RFQ. He discussed some of the services the City would be looking for, if the recycling is decided to be outsourced. The biggest goal would be to increase participation. The size of the recycling container would be increased, as well as keep the materials clean. The service would also expand to include places that are currently not participating in recycling.

Mr. Chancey stated that everything that is not recycled goes through the transfer station, therefore adding to the tonnage that the City pays for the current provider to haul out. In theory increasing recycling awareness will lower the tonnage going into the transfer station. Revenues are down for the transfer station so there also needs to be a decrease in the expenses. He explained that the numbers are still being looked into as to what cost there is to the City to offer this service to the customer each month. There has been some indication that outsourcing the service could lower that cost, so that option is being explored.

4. Utilities**a. Discussion / Approval – Out of State Travel for SGA Conference**

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks explained the request for an employee to travel to Columbia, South 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 Columbia, South Carolina March 17-19, 2014.

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

5. Public Safety**a. Update – Committee Meeting February 25, 2014**

Chief Keith Glass gave an update. He stated there was a Committee Meeting and discussed the highlights. He is requesting that the manning document be forwarded to Council for approval due to it being revenue neutral.

The committee recommends approval of the manning document to Council.

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

City Administrator Matthew Chancey discussed the vehicle policy that was reviewed at the Committee Meeting. He stated the most recent take home policy for department heads and police officers dates back to 2000. Mr. Chancey explained that he will bring an updated policy for approval which incorporates utilities as well as the general fund as a whole.

Mayor Thompson requested that the information include how many vehicles will be affected as well as the millage.

Council Member Little brought up the fact that even though it is a City-wide policy there might be some distinction between departments in the use. He gave an example of the Police Department being under a separate set of laws for governing use.

Mr. Chancey explained that the current policy lists individuals and the new policy will be listed by department as far as radius.

Mayor Thompson requested that the no smoking policy in the vehicles be checked on as well.

Chief Glass discussed the new fire truck project; he invited Mayor and Council to see the new truck this weekend. He stated the committee also discussed the standardization of equipment.

No Action.

6. DDA

Council Member Bradley complemented the ad in the new Georgia Connector magazine emphasizing all the new businesses which have opened in downtown Monroe.

Main Street Director Sadie Krawczyk gave an update. She stated there have been six new businesses which have opened in downtown since December and at least three more which will open in the next couple of months. There are only a handful of empty spaces now. Ms. Lisa Anderson has been elected as the new DDA Chairperson. The new pole banners will be up soon. The Eagle Scout project was completed this past Saturday, and Jordan Kimsey installed three benches and coffee tables in the pocket park. There is a local group wanting to sponsor some planters and more landscaping for the pocket park, and Accolades has offered to do a plaque telling the history. The bands have been lined up for the four concerts, with the contracts being reviewed for approval.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Resolution – 2013 Budget Amendment
2. Discussion / Approval – Vehicle Use Policy
3. 2nd Reading – Domestic Animals Ordinance Amendment
4. 2nd Reading – Garbage Collection Ordinance Amendment
5. Resolution – Georgia Cities Week, April 13 – 19, 2014
6. Discussion / Approval – 2014 Concert Series Contracts for DDA
7. Discussion – Draft Code Ordinance

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

V. ADJOURN

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


MAYOR
CITY CLERK