

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	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
	Paul Rosenthal	City Attorney

Absent:	Ross Bradley	Council Member
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Staff Present:	Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, R.V. Watts, Bill Owens, Beth Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Patrick Kelley	
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Visitors:	Sadie Krawczyk, Chris Bailey, Beverly Harrison, Sharon Swanepoel, Marsha Jackson, Lee Rowell, Andrew Kenneson, Drew Morgan, Pete McReynolds	
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I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that Council Member Ross Bradley and Council Member David Dickinson were absent. 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

Mayor Howard that stated the Airport Committee Items would be moved to later in the meeting, until which time there is a quorum for the Committee.

- a. Hangar Maintenance**
- b. Hangar Build Contract**
- c. Hangar Rate Increase**

3. Public Works

a. Purchase – Street Sweeper

Mr. Danny Smith requested approval to purchase an Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper with a 2019 Peterbilt 220 Cabover Chassis from Environmental Products of Georgia, for the amount of \$249,964.00. He stated that it will replace a 1997 Tymco. The purchase uses the National Joint Powers Alliance bidding guidelines, and will be purchased using 2018 SPLOST Funds.

The committee recommends the purchase of the Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper from Environmental Products of Georgia, for the amount of \$249,964.00 to Council.

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

b. Great American Cleanup Week, April 16 – 20, 2018

Mr. Danny Smith explained the week of April 21 to be Great American Cleanup Week, which will allow the citizens of Monroe to bring any of their trash, scrap metal, tires (limit 10), and any recyclable items to the transfer station free of charge. He stated this will be the 16th year the City has participated.

Mayor Howard requested for Mr. Smith to look into partnering with someone for picking up abandoned cars around the City.

No Action.

4. Utilities**a. Purchase – Gas Main Extension Materials for Mountain Creek Church Road**

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks presented the request to purchase the materials to extend the natural gas main from Mountain Creek Church Road to Mount Vernon Road. The extension will service four chicken houses. He explained this will be an opportunity to extend the City's system and block the City of Winder from coming into our territory. He stated the lowest bid came from Consolidated Pipe & Supply for the amount of \$16,676.60.

Council Member Larry Bradley questioned whether the area is in Monroe's territory, and the possibility of adding some residential customers with the extension.

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks stated the area to be inside the City of Monroe's service territory. He explained that the chicken house owners want to tie onto the gas system, as well as two new houses being built on Mountain Creek Church Road. There are also other potential customers in the area.

The committee recommends to Council to purchase the materials from Consolidated Pipe & Supply, for \$16,676.60.

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

b. Approval – Out of State Travel for Telecom

Mr. Brian Thompson requested to travel to Huntsville, Alabama to attend the Mid-South Communities Fiber Forum on March 21, 2018. He explained that he will participate as a speaker, and ADTRAN pays for all the expenses, except gas.

The committee recommends to allow out-of-state travel for Brian Thompson to attend the Mid-South Communities Fiber Forum in Huntsville, Alabama to Council.

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

5. Public Safety**a. Purchase – K-9 and Out of State Training**

Assistant Chief R.V. Watts requested approval to purchase two dual purpose canines from Alabama Canine Law Enforcement Officer Training Center, for the amount of \$30,014.00. He explained the purchase includes the dogs, the necessary equipment for the dogs, a ten-week course for the officers at the training center, and their housing. He also requested approval for Officer Ryan Gee and Officer Jacob Palmer to attend the on-site training program in Northport Alabama. Assistant Chief Watts explained the department is rebuilding the canine program; currently they depend on other agencies when a canine is needed. He explained that dual purpose means the canines will be trained for patrol, tracking, and narcotics. He discussed some of the uses and benefits for the City and the community.

City Administrator Logan Propes noted that this is not a new program; it is a continuation of a program which died out a couple years ago.

Assistant Chief Watts explained that the previous canines were retired, due to their age. Therefore, they are now asking to re-implement the program.

Mayor Howard questioned how long a dog usually stays on the force.

Assistant Chief Watts answered that it depends on the health and genetics of the animal, but it could be anywhere from seven to ten years.

Council Member Larry Bradley questioned the training time. He wanted to know whether the program goes for a continuous ten-weeks, or could the officers come home on the weekends.

Assistant Chief Watts stated that the program lasts for ten-weeks straight from sun up to sun down. It is important in order to build and establish the bond between the officer and the dog. He explained that the training is extensive, but if the officers wanted they could come home on the weekends.

Council Member Lee Malcom stated it is important to assign officers that are loyal and want to remain with the City.

Assistant Chief Watts explained they had a selection process, interested officers submitted a resume and a letter stating their reason for interest. He stated that one of the officers chosen has a significant background in canine handling, and the other put himself through DRE School.

The committee recommends to Council the purchase of two dual purpose canines and the out-of-state training for two officers to attend the Alabama Canine Law Enforcement Officer Training Center in Northpoint, Alabama, for a total cost of \$30,014.00.

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

6. Planning & Code

No Items Scheduled.

7. Economic Development

No Items Scheduled.

Council Member David Dickinson arrived during the discussion of the Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendment.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- 1. Upcoming Public Hearings**
 - a. Rezone – 406 East Spring Street**
 - b. Rezone – 1020 North Broad Street**
- 2. 1st Reading – Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendment**
- 3. 1st Reading – Speed Zone Ordinance**
- 4. Resolution – Georgia Cities Week, April 22 – 28, 2018**
- 5. Scrivener's Error – Rezone / Annexation – Vine Street**

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

Mayor Howard announced that with Council Member Dickinson arriving, the Airport Committee has a quorum. Therefore, the Airport Items can now be heard.

III. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

2. Airport

a. Hangar Maintenance

Mr. Chris Bailey presented the request for Hangars & Doors Unlimited to repair the existing 16 t-hangars at the Monroe-Walton County Airport. He explained the guards and protectors will be replaced to seal the doors from birds, small animals, dust, and debris entering the hangars. He stated the lowest bid, of \$25,775.00, came from Hangars & Doors Unlimited.

The committee recommends approval of t-hangar repairs by Hangars & Doors Unlimited for \$25,775.00 to Council.

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

b. Hangar Build Contract

Mr. Chris Bailey discussed building additional t-hangars, and trying to get grant money to completely reimburse the City. He discussed entering a contract with Barge Design Solutions, formerly known as Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon. The contract would cover all phases including project scope formulation, survey, geotechnical, construction plans, contractual documents, bidding, DBE plans, and final general contractor compliance. This process will allow the City to apply for reimbursement through grant funding. He explained he will bring the actual bids back for Council approval around August or September. Mr. Bailey requested approval of the contract with Barge Design Solutions for the turn key build of an 8-unit t-hangar for the amount of \$18,904.00. He stated the cost for building the hangars will be approximately \$350,000 to \$400,000. He discussed amortization schedules and the need for more hangars.

City Administrator Logan Propes stated that it is a long arduous process. He explained that they want to do the project in the most cost-effective manner, and hopefully, get some reimbursement.

The committee recommends to Council to contract with Barge Design Solutions for the turn key build of an 8-unit t-hangar for the amount of \$18,904.00.

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

c. Hangar Rate Increase

Mr. Chris Bailey presented the request to increase the t-hangar lease rates. He explained the current monthly rates are \$200 for each of the 12 interior units and \$240 for each of the 4 end units. He presented two options: a \$25.00 monthly increase and a \$50.00 monthly increase. He discussed lease rates in comparable areas, and hangar availability in the surrounding area.

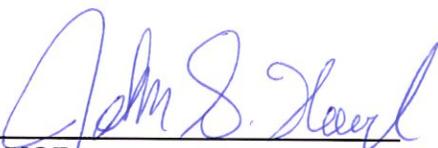
Council Member Norman Garrett stated he believes the rates should be increased by \$50.00.

The committee recommends approval to increase the t-hangar monthly lease rates to \$250.00 for the interior units and \$300.00 for the end units to Council.

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

I. ADJOURN

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


MAYOR


CITY CLERK