

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tom Banks called the special Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Montrose City Offices at 139 S. Saginaw Street, Montrose, MI.

ROLL CALL: Present Council Members were Mayor Tom Banks, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Richard, Robert Arnold, Ryan Heslop, Todd Pangle, Lori Machuk, and Melissa Wallace-Hoose. Also present were City Manager Barbara Valentine, City Clerk Tina Rush, City Attorney Laura Genovich, and 6 citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Banks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Citizens Clint Diffin and Sadie Leonard made comments.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, MCL 15.268, TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE, SPECIFICALLY AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION. ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED.

- **MOTION** by Mayor Pro-Tem Richard **SECOND** by Machuk to go into closed session pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268, to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal Statute, specifically an attorney-client privileged written legal opinion. Roll Call Vote: Arnold – Aye, Hoose – Aye, Heslop – No, Pangle – Aye, Mayor Pro-Tem Richard – Aye, Machuk – Aye, and Mayor Banks – Aye. Six (6) Ayes. One (1) No. Motion Carried.

Genovich asked Mayor Banks to indicate those who are invited into closed session. Mayor Banks announced the city attorney and city clerk. Mayor Banks closed the special meeting at 6:38 p.m. to go into closed session.

2. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND BRING BACK SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER: Roll Call Vote: Pangle – Aye, Machuk – Aye, Arnold – Aye, Hoose – Aye, Mayor Pro-Tem Richard – Aye, Heslop – Aye, and Mayor Banks – Aye. Motion Carried. Mayor Banks brought the special meeting back to order at 7:26 p.m.

3. ANY FURTHER ACTION DESIRED BY COUNCIL:

- **MOTION** by Pangle **SECOND** by Machuk to direct the city attorney to prepare a supplemental legal opinion for our next meeting. Roll Call Vote: Heslop – No, Pangle – Aye, Machuk – Aye, Hoose – Aye, Mayor Pro-Tem Richard – No, Arnold – Aye, and Mayor Banks – Aye. Five (5) Ayes. Two (2) Nay's. Motion Carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Arnold to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Banks adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by City Clerk, Tina Rush