

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

MARCH 3, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Nick Gresock.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Mayor Gresock encouraged everyone to dedicate the moment of silence to Christi Spicuzza who was the recent victim of a horrible homicide on February 10. He reported she was born and raised in Monroeville, mother of four and worked at the Monroeville Library some years ago. He stated everyone's thought and prayers are with her family.

ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary, Sharon McIndoe, called roll and the following were present: Mayor Gresock, Joe Hyzy, Bob Stevenson, Steve Wolfram, Mike Adams, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Tim Little (via zoom), Bob Wratcher, Josie Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon. Mr. Poach was absent.

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND COMMENTS

NICOLE HENLINE

Mrs. Nicole Henline Director of the Monroeville Library came forward to address council. She thanked the mayor and council for their continued support and reported they are now open for full hours at the library: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. She encouraged everyone with their increased hours to watch their website and Facebook Page for updates for more in-person programming. She distributed their newsletter and reviewed the upcoming events. She mentioned an attached coupon that explains a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. She reported of a partnership with Careerlink which will allow community members to receive additional assistance in job searching and application. She encouraged everyone to check their calendar for their weekly visit. She thanked the Friends of the Library for helping to refurbish the gallery space. She also thanked the public works for their work in the gallery space. She reported for the first time in two years this month they will have arts back in the gallery space and there will be a new local artist each month. She encouraged everyone to stop this month because it is Art in Our Schools Month with amazing arts from the students. She thanked everyone again for their support and hoped to see them at the library.

KIM KRIVDA

Mrs. Kim Krivda, a resident of Jamison Lane, came forward to thank Councilman Adams for doing a site visit for a situation this week regarding the water issues in her area. She reported he came two or three times and brought municipal staff to determine what to do about the water that was filling and running over the drain on the DCI property that was previously cleaned out. She stated something

happened in the process and the water did not follow through correctly on the property owner's property that the drain goes through. She reported she heard the water in the middle of the night and took video of it and submitted it to the municipality. She requested that video be sent with the information when the municipality contacts DCI. She again thanked Mr. Adams and requested the video be sent to DCI.

Mayor Gresock assured her the municipality would reach out and provide the information.

GEORGIANNA WOODHALL

Mrs. Georgianna Woodhall, a resident, came forward to inquire about the zoning ordinance that was completed in 2015 because the manager reported the municipality was going to hire an agency to redo it. She questioned why the municipality is going through a complete update of the ordinance that was already completed in 2015. She inquired why taxpayer money was being spent to update an ordinance that does not need updated. She mentioned one area that may have needed attention was the gas and oil drilling which was controversial.

Mayor Gresock asserted that was from 2015 which is seven years ago. Mrs. Woodhall stated it should be updated every ten years. She reported since 2015 when she inquired about the status of the ordinance and why it was not going to the public and council she was informed that it was being reviewed and Mr. Whealdon was getting acquainted with the ordinance. She pointed out it is seven years later. Mayor Gresock was hopeful that council at the regular meeting will vote to move it forward. Mrs. Woodhall inquired whether there was some reason the municipality did not go back to Mr. Lee Mular who worked on the ordinance and did an excellent job. She mentioned he was familiar with it. Mayor Gresock pointed out there was a request for proposal and he had the opportunity to submit a proposal. Mrs. Woodhall felt it was a waste of money to have any outside firm come in to review it. She suggested it is the job of the planning commission to update this ordinance and the comprehensive plan. She inquired why the municipality is not using the planning commission to update the ordinance.

Mr. Little agreed Mr. Mular did a good job in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and his changes are incorporated into the zoning ordinance. He reported what has been decided by staff is that this would not be an update but a review by an outside company. He felt it was a good idea to have an outside company review it for different planning technics and to see if anything was missing. He mentioned things like oil and gas and mixed-use development or anything that is new and trendy that could be put into the ordinance. Again, he stated it is not an update but a review.

Mrs. Woodhall again stated it is a waste of taxpayer money and not necessary. She felt if the planning commission is engaged, they are a wealth of information and acknowledge. She disagreed that it was necessary for this firm and the municipality to spend another approximately \$30,000 to do it.

Mr. Little asserted the planning commission will be engaged and have to be engaged under the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Mrs. Woodhall contended they should not only be engaged but should be the ones updating it. Mr. Little indicated they did with Mr. Mular 12 years ago and they will be engaged again. He added the scope of this RFP is not to get into the details because that has already been done by Mr. Mular and also by Mr. Whealdon. He again stated it is a review not to get into the details because it has been done. He felt it would cost over \$100,000 to have an outside company to review and start from scratch on the zoning ordinance. Mrs. Woodhall reported prior to Mr. Mular, Mr.

Wratcher, Ms. Dice, Mr. Dellett and Councilman Kucherer were all on the modernization of the zoning ordinance committee and devoted endless hours. She could not understand why someone from council is not selected to work with the solicitor to utilize what the municipality already has in order to get this done instead of spending another \$27,000 of taxpayer money. Mr. Little asserted that is council's decision at the council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one further to come forward to make public comment at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Little
Municipal Manager

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