

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2023

MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Gresock reported the National Night Out was currently taking place at the park and there was a great turn out.

PRESENTATION

TOBY CORDEK, PUBLIC PARTNERS

Mr. Toby Cordek from Public Partners came forward to explain the process of selecting the next municipal manager. He briefly reviewed when Public Partners was formed and how it is administered by the Allegheny League of Municipalities. He explained they try to help municipalities do large and small projects oriented to human resource management, key jobs or interim management, mentoring, coaching or advising. He gave an overview of how he was recruited by Public Partners when he was retiring from McCandless as manager and reviewed his other professional experience.

Mr. Cordek reported the search for manager started with a discussion with council to determine what experience level and qualities they wanted in the next manager. He publicized an advertisement throughout Pennsylvania to the associations then interviews will be scheduled of the candidates.

Mayor Gresock mentioned the voter referendum for the residency requirement for the municipal manager position. He explained how residency requirements are usually done by contract with the municipality but the manager's position is done through the home rule charter which has to be changed through a referendum. He reported they are working to place it on the ballot for November which would cast a wider net for the next candidate. Mr. Cordek added the residency requirement can be a hinderance to the manager's position and felt it would behoove council to change it. He suggested it is part of the current reality. He felt the manager embraces and is part of the community from the start and will be involved whether or not they are a resident or not.

LOIS DRUMHELLER

Mrs. Lois Drumheller, resident, came forward to express her concerns. She reported she is following the progress on the most recent draft of the zoning ordinance which was sent to the county.

She noted it is not on the agenda this month to be advertised and questioned whether the hearing would be September 5, 2023. She inquired whether it is still stuck at the county level. Mr. Whealdon reported the municipality received the second set of comments and the public hearing can be scheduled at any time either September or October. Mrs. Drumheller wanted to communicate when to expect people to be able to come to the second hearing and she stated it does not appear that it would be September 5, 2023 since it is not on the current consent agenda. Mr. Stevenson answered affirmatively. Mrs. Drumheller suggested it may be in October. Mayor Gresock stated it could be October and questioned whether there is enough time to advertise for the September meeting. Mr. Wratsher recommended the October date to allow for the maximum allowable time to give notice. He added council prefers to have public hearings on all matters at the agenda setting session rather than the regular council meeting. Mayor Gresock questioned whether there should be a motion to advertise for the public hearing for October and Mr. Wratsher answered affirmatively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Sedlak
Acting Municipal Manager

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