

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

CITIZENS' NIGHT MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2024

MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Gresock reported the municipality lost one of its employees since the last meeting, Bill D'Andries. He explained how he was a foreman in the public works department for the mechanics. He pointed out his daughter, Sarah, is a current Summer worker. He requested everyone remember Bill and his family during the 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, Eric Poach, Bob Stevenson, Bill Krut, Bob Williams, Dennis Biondo, Alex Graziani, Bob Wrat cher, Josephine Rock, Paul Hugus, Joe Sedlak and Paul Whealdon. Mr. Adams was absent.

CITIZENS' REMARKS AND COMMENTS

ROBERT SERAFINI

Mr. Robert Serafini, resident, came forward to inquire about the status of the hotel. He reported he saw it in the newspaper and has heard conflicting stories.

Mayor Gresock reported at this time nothing is official and the information will be shared with the public as soon as it becomes available. Mr. Wrat cher reported it is under agreement subject to certain contingencies and it may or may not come to fruition as a sale. He mentioned inspections and other due diligent items that will be addressed and as a result, it may go forward or not. Mr. Serafini inquired about the parties interested and Mr. Wrat cher stated Grace Life Church or some entity controlled by them. Mr. Serafini questioned the holdup and Mr. Wrat cher indicated the municipality has no information. Further discussion ensued.

MIKE BERRYMAN

Mr. Mike Berryman, a resident, came forward to inquire whether the hotel has been purchased and questioned its status. Mayor Gresock answered as discussed nothing has been purchased. Mr. Berryman pointed out it is a church and inquired whether the building would be tax exempt. He questioned what they would do with the building with 109-110 rooms that is nine stories. He inquired whether it would be for the homeless or immigrants. Mr. Wrat cher reported the municipality has no idea what would be proposed. Mr. Berryman inquired what council would do if it is submitted. Mr. Wrat cher explained it would be evaluated the same as any piece of property purchased by anyone from a zoning perspective. He reported the control the municipality has over anything it the zoning code. Mr. Berryman asserted it could be tax exempt if approved and Mr. Wrat cher stated it could also not be

tax exempt. Mr. Berryman inquired about the number of stories and Mr. Wratsher estimated 13. Mr. Berryman questioned why a church would be allowed to purchase it. Mr. Wratsher explained the municipality does not regulate the sale of land between other parties because it is unconstitutional and against the law. Mr. Berryman inquired who is backing them and Mr. Wratsher indicated the municipality has no information.

Mayor Gresock suggested Mr. Berryman can make comments but the municipality is not going back and forth with questions and answers. Mr. Berryman commented that he hoped the municipality does not approve it because Monroeville does not need another tax-exempt building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no one else come forward to make public comment, at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Municipal Manager

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