

MONROE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 2018

6PM MONROE CITY HALL

1. Call to Order: Mayor Paul Canter called the City Council Meeting to order at 6PM.
2. Roll Call: Present was Mayor Canter, Council President Myers, Councilors Howard, Canter, Cuthbertson and Billings. Staff present included Public Works Superintendent Claborn and City Administrator/Recorder Hohnbaum. In the audience was Planning Commission Vice-Chair Sheets and the Chair of the Monroe Rural Fire Protection District and Planning Commissioner Eastridge. Audience members included Linda Wade, Sherman Nash, Todd Nystrom, Amy Nystrom, Brian Greene, James Templeton and Mr. Robert Eastridge.
3. Pledge of Alliance: Mayor Canter asked Councilor Cuthbertson to lead the council and audience in the Pledge.
4. Declaration of Purpose for Special Council Meeting: Mayor Canter declared that the purpose of the special council meeting was to discuss the future use of the Reader Building by the Gleaners.
5. Business of Special Council Meeting:

CA Hohnbaum reminded the council and audience that at the most recent council meeting, staff was directed to ascertain potential costs to the City for the building improvements required for the gleaners to be able to successfully operate using the Reader Building. Hohnbaum read the draft unapproved minutes.

Councilor Thayer stated that before a decision is made to move forward the council needed more information. CP Myers seconded the motion for more research. The motion is to direct city staff to investigate the building and to return with a more finite cost estimate and time estimate and to distribute that information to the council. CP Myers called for the question. Councilor Thayer suggested a special meeting. Councilor Howard also expressed support for a special meeting. CP Myers directed city staff to work with Dave and Jim to come back with a more concrete estimate to make the Reeder building functional for his needs and successful and for the report to come to the entire council on May 7th special meeting. Ayes: All.

CA Hohnbaum stated that with that direction from council, staff worked with Mr. Templeton who not only appreciated the support from the City but stated that the Gleaners had the resources and materials to take care of all the interior costs required to make the Reader Building their new operations headquarters.

CP Myers stated that the city needed to be held harmless agreement for the improvement work. Jim stated that the gleaners and the sources for funding would expect an agreement in place for extended use of the building based upon the investments they would be making. Jim and the council discussed

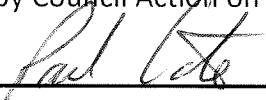
building improvements conditions. Councilor Billings asked whose idea it was to move the council chambers and Mayor Canter responded that the council has been discussing it for about three years with a desire to move the council chambers to the old library area. Councilor Billings expressed concerns about the security of the doors on the Reader Building. The audience and council discussed options for council meeting locations. Councilor Billings suggested that the gas station needs to be used for something besides storage from the Reader Building. The council discussed the costs of improving the building. Councilor Billings suggested that "something is going on without the council knowing". Councilor Cuthbertson inquired of Mr. Templeton about their desire to be in the Reader Building. Councilor Howard expressed concerns about the former use of the building involving petroleum related products and the gleaners having food products and stated that he would not put food in the building. Brian Greene inquired about city tax funds supporting services which serve the entire south county. Mr. Nash expressed concern about the city taking his land on 5th street. Councilor Canter inquired about the future use of the current council chambers if the council moved. Council discussed the environmental needs for the Reader Building and future use of the chamber facilities. CP Myers inquired about the gleaner's choice for location. Councilor Canter made a motion for the city to check out environmentally if it is feasible for the Gleaners to use the Reader Building and if so, to provide the Gleaners with a letter to proceed. Councilor Howard seconded the motion. Brian Greene inquired about whether or not permits would be required and Jim stated that he would have to see what would be required for permits. CP Myers responded to a question about the costs for the chamber updating including that it was planned three years ago and budgeted back then. Jim discussed his grant process to get the funding for the building improvements. Ayes: Myers, Cuthbertson, Canter. Nays: Howard and Billings.

Council discussed the cost of the environmental review and there was a public discussion of library costs and library conditions.

6. Adjourn: Mayor Canter adjourned the city council meeting at 6:50.

Respectfully Submitted: City Recorder Hohnbaum

Approved by Council Action on May 21, 2018.



5-21-18

Mayor Paul Canter

Date:

Attest:



Rick Hohnbaum, City Recorder