

City Hall, Monroe, Louisiana
March 22, 2022
6:00p.m.

There was a legal and regular session of the City Council of the City of Monroe, Louisiana held this date at the Council's regular meeting place, the Council Chamber, City Hall Building, Monroe, Louisiana.

The Honorable Carday Marshall, Sr., Chairman, called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for coming out and watching via social media. He then asked the clerk to call roll.

There were present: Council members Harvey, Woods, Marshall & Dawson.

There was absent: Ezernack

Chairman Marshall announced that a quorum was present, and that the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance would be led by Mayor Friday Ellis.

COMMUNICATIONS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Harvey thanked everyone who came out for the Monroe City clean up prior to bad weather.

Ms. Woods thanked everyone for coming out and that it appears the bad weather may be gone. She echoed Mayor Ellis and Mr. Harvey's comment that the weather could have been much worse. She offered her condolences to Peter Turner's family, stating he was an icon and he started the boys club at the old Booker T. Washington Elementary School and that he did a lot for the community. She also extended her condolences to Reverend Lawrence Martin's family another icon of the community whose funeral service was last Saturday. Ms. Woods noted that she has some major concerns and that she will speak with Mayor Ellis in private about them. On another note Ms. Woods welcomed the new employee of the council and announced the Monroe housing expo on Saturday April 23, 2022 from 10 am until 1pm at the Monroe Convention Center.

Mrs. Dawson thanked everyone for attending the Wossman High School championship game, the boys came in second place. Wossman girls' team came in first there will be a parade on tomorrow at Wossman High School starting at 1pm. She also thanked everyone that came out for the Wossman High School cleanup last weekend. Mrs. Dawson thanked the Public Works Department for always being available every time she called for them. She also reiterated the importance of the housing expo mentioned by Councilwoman Woods. Mrs. Dawson announced that tomorrow Ouachita Multi-Purpose (CAP) will be having commodity distributions at the Monroe Civic Center and there will also be a Youth Career Expo at the civic center from 9am until 2 pm.

Mayor Ellis stated his trip to Washington with Chief Operating Officer Jimmy Bryant was a success. He noted they got their priority in front of the Federal Delegation to be able to let them -know what the priorities are in Monroe. Congresswoman Julia Letlow's \$2,000,000.00 benchmark for the Texas Standifer Trunk line was approved. Senator Casey's \$500,000.00 for the Calypso Pump Station that is needed for repairs was also approved. Mayor Ellis gave special thanks to Neil Raiser and Glenn Wamack, members of the Water Commission. He also mentioned the joint press conference with the City of West Monroe and the contract for technology with Rule America and understanding the importance of access to quality broadband during the pandemic. Mayor Ellis gave special thanks to the Monroe City workers and their efforts during the storm.

Chairman Marshall thanked the Public Works Department and staff they do an awesome job. He thanked the council members for their extra time and sacrifice they put in daily. He welcomed Ms. Murray Staff Secretary and Ms. Lakeisha the new DBE Coordinator and he is looking forward to working with the new employees. The Chairman noted there are some events coming up in district 4 on April 30, 2022 at the Holsum Building, the Krewe of De Rivere will have a fundraiser for their crew with live entertainment, face painting, circus acts, and much more. Also, coming up is the Stop the Violence Bike Ride in May date/time to be announced later. If you don't have a bike to participate, they have bikes you can use. Rated E LLC Hayward Foy, he is over the event.

Upon motion of Ms. Woods, seconded by Mr. Harvey the minutes of the Legal and Regular Session of March 8, 2022 and the Legal and Special Budget Hearing minutes of March 3, 2022 were unanimously approved.

The following condemnation were considered:

1. 4208 Pippin Street (D3) (Owners- (Curatorship – David Edwards III, Pearl Roberson, Michael Anthony, Vemela Bell-Gomez, Mary Patricia Duval,) (Non-curator-Cassandra Rene-Edwar Joseph, Yolanda R. Edwards et al) Notice to show cause was served. There was no one present. Photographic evidence was presented. Upon motion of Ms. Woods, seconded by Mr. Harvey and unanimously approved, the building was condemned, and the property owner given 30 days in which to bring the structure into compliance with the Code or demolish the Structure and clean the lot. (There were no public comments.)

Mr. Tommy James, Code Enforcement Officer, stated this is an open dilapidated structure, and it has been that way since 2009, and they are asking that this property be condemned.

Ms. Woods asked if the owner was served

Mr. James noted there was no contact with anyone and notice was served.

The Chairman asked if there was any one here this evening to speak for or against condemning this property.

2. 206 Grayling Lane (D4) (Owner- Wendi Marceann Martin) Notice to show cause was served. There was no one present. Photographic evidence was presented. Upon motion of Charmain Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved, the building was condemned, and the property owner given 30 days in which to bring structure into compliance with the Code or demolish the Structure and clean the lot.

Mr. Tommy James asked that this property be condemned.

Chairman Marshall noted that the City has dealt with this property for a while. He also mentioned the carport is damaged, kids playing in the area, and a person parking their car on the property. Chairman Marshall asked if there was any contact with the owner.

Mr. James said there was no contact.

Council:

(a) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt a Resolution No. 8214 granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to the Children’s Coalition of NELA (Bayou DeSiard Dragon Boat Festival) pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec 12-231 D. (Open container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto.

(b) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to Adopt a Resolution No.8215 granting an exception to the Open Container Ordinance to ACE Development of NELA (Century Next Bank Wine & Beer Crawl) pursuant to Monroe City Code Sec. 12-231 D. (Open Container Ordinance), and further providing with respect thereto.

Department of Administration:

(a) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to adopt a Resolution No.8216 accepting Base Bid of Grindstone Construction, LLC in the amount of \$200,000.00 and Alternate Bid No. 1 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the central Warehouse Limited Improvements Project, and further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter and execute a contract for said work. (There were no public comments.)

Ms. Woods asked if someone could share what the bid was for and if there were any other bids.

Mrs. Stacey Rowell, Director of Administration, explained that the warehouse has needed general repairs for a while.

Ms. Woods noted she recalls information on this but didn't see anything and she was just wondering.

Ms. Rowell noted there were no other bids.

(b) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to adopt a Resolution No.8217 accepting the bid of Tanner Industries Inc., for Water Treatment Chemical-Anhydrous Ammonia and further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract for said services.

Ms. Vee Wright, 415 Gulpha Drive, West Monroe wanted to know are all 5 companies going to treat the water in the proper way.

Mrs. Rowell and Mr. Harvey both explained Tanner Industries Inc. will supply the chemicals, the City treat the water.

Ms. Vee Wright wished everyone "Happy Clean Water Day" and says clean water is important and the city is not considering a greener cleaner faster opinion. Ms. Wright noted they want water as clean as possible, and she will be sending more information on an alternative and perhaps the council will consider it.

Mr. Harvey further explained any chemical the City use at the water treatment plant is govern by Louisiana Department of Health.

Ms. Vee Wright noted there is a standard set by the state and then there are higher standards, she believes at any point you would want to exceed the minimum.

Ms. Woods wanted to know if there were multiple bids.

Mr. Curt Kelly, Purchasing Director, explained there was about ten chemicals that bided out, but each vendor bided on the chemical they specialize. They only had one vendor bid on the water treatment chemical.

Ms. Woods noted there are a number of chemicals that the City use, and further comments she thinks Monroe has the best drinking water.

(c) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to Adopt a Resolution No. 8218 accepting the bids of Harcros Chemicals for Water Treatment Chemical – Granular Chlorine 65% and Potassium Permanganate and, further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract for said services. (There were no public comments.)

(d) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to adopt a Resolution No. 8219 accepting the bid of G20 Technologies for Water Treatment Chemical – Liquid Aluminum Sulphate and, further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract for said services. (There were no public comments.)

(e) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to Adopt a Resolution No. 8220 accepting the bid of Allied Universal Corporation, for Water Treatment Chemical – Liquid Chlorine One-ton Cylinder and, further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract for said services. (There were no public comments.)

(f) Upon motion of Mrs. Dawson, seconded Mr. Harvey and unanimously approved to Adopt a Resolution No. 8221 accepting the bid of Ecotech Enterprises, inc., for Water Treatment Chemical – Zinc Orthophosphate and, further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract for said services. (There were no public comments.)

(g) Upon motion of Mrs. Dawson, seconded Mr. Harvey and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 8222 accepting the bid of Diamond B. Construction Co., LLC, for Concrete Asphalt Mixture and further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract for said services.

Ms. Woods wanted to know if there were the multiple bids.

Mr. Kelly said no and explained the problem they are having now even with the water chemicals because is because of the current climate we're in and no company wants to commit to a year or even three months.

Ms. Woods asked about the concrete and if it was for water treatment also.

Mr. Kelly explained that this is for asphalt our street crews use to fill in potholes, so they are getting it on an as need basis and vendor from last year wasn't willing to bid on the project because they couldn't commit to a year.

Ms. Woods wanted to know if Diamond B. Construction is a local company.

Mr. Kelly said the company is local.

Ms. Woods noted she has concerns if they are only having one bid on something.

Mr. Kelly explained that they bring the bid to Council first for permission to advertise for the companies and then sent it to all the local asphalt companies and only one company bid on it.

Ms. Woods wondered if the official journal is good enough and what is their reach.

Mr. Kelly explained that they go the extra mile to send to companies and certain things they don't advertise that could mean additional cost for the City.

Chairman Marshal noted that they had conversations about working with local organizations to get the word out even more.

Ms. Woods noted that's good, but her concerns are whether minority organizations are getting the opportunity to bid.

Mr. Kelly explained that is one of the issues we are running into with the current climate.

Ms. Woods noted that she understands when you start talking about Northeast Louisiana, and she know there's not going to be minority organizations not just necessarily people of color. She further noted that getting the same people over again and again is concerning.

Mr. Kelly reiterates this is a different vendor from years past.

Department of Planning & Urban Development

(a) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to consider a request from the Planning & Urban Development Department for City Council approval for an authorized City representative to advertise for bids for the 416 South Grand Home Improvements Project. The source of funds is HOME Investment Partnership Funds. (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Ms. Woods and unanimously approved to adopt a consider a request from the Planning & Urban Development Department for City Council approval for an authorized City representative to advertise for bids for the 4101 South Grand Home Improvements Project. The source of funds is HOME Investment Partnership Funds. (There were no public comments.)

(c) Upon motion of Mrs. Dawson, seconded Mr. Harvey and unanimously approved to Adopt a Resolution No. 8223 appointing Michael D. Douglas, Sr. to the Board of Adjustments of the City of Monroe, and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Chairman Marshall asked if Mr. Douglas was in the audience.

Mrs. Dawson stated he was not.

Mayor's office

(a) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson and unanimously Adopt a Resolution No. 8224 authorizing a designated city representative to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Monroe and the Miss Louisiana Organization as per the attached agreement and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson and unanimously Adopt a Resolution No. 8225 authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into an agreement with Plugged in Creative for Professional Services and further providing with respect thereto.

Ms. Kenya Roberson asked if this the service for the city address.

Mr. Harvey stated it is created for the State and City.

Ms. Kenya Roberson asked will it be publicized on the internet or to be recorded.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant, City Attorney, said it will be televised like last year.

Ms. Woods noted that she is understanding it will be like last year and it was a beautiful video, but she questioned the cost.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant explained last year all funds were raised by sponsorship none of the city funds were used and that is the same goal for this year.

Ms. Woods noted she remember last year the sponsorship was in place before bringing the agreement to the Council. She said thank you for including her in the video last year.

Mrs. Sturdivant said she will be included in this one as you can see in the agreement.

(c) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson unanimously Adopt a Resolution No.8226 authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the North Louisiana Economic Partnership and further providing with respect thereto.

Ms. Kenya Roberson asked for the City Council to explain in more detail.

Mr. Harvey explained that the Louisiana Economic development (LED) is the state economic development organization the state recognizes two region NLEP covers Northwest and NLEA covers Northeast. Mr. Harvey noted we have always entered a Corruptive Endeavor and funded those organizations to do the economic development for our region. The process works if a respected company is going to come to this region the Louisiana Economic development, then engages those organizations. On their staff they have project managers and certified economic developers that work to move the project. They do all economic development activity for the City. Liz Pierre is our local representative for NLEP she's their attorney for economic development. Jason Dickson is their new chair, and a lot of our organizations have private investment to match what the City invests with them to drive economic development in our region.

Department of Public Works

ADD-ON: Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to add to the agenda an item (a) to consider request from the Water Pollution Control Center for City Council approval for an authorized City representative to advertise for bids for the Influent Pump No. 2 Repairs Project. Funds for these repairs will come from Repairs and Maintenance Account. (There were no public comments.)

Engineering Services:

(a) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson and unanimously Adopt a Resolution No. 8227 accepting the base bid of CW&W Contractors, in the amount \$667,231.90, for the Deborah Drive Cross Drains Replacement, and further authorizing an authorized city representative, to enter into and execute a contract for said work. (There were no public comments.)

Ms. Woods wanted to know what was going on here.

Mr. Arthur Holland, Engineering Dept., explained there are areas on Deborah Drive causing water failure. They have steel plates in the street now to keep the road open.

Ms. Woods asked Councilman Harvey if this was the same one, he spoke about on Deborah.

Mr. Harvey said it's the same they had out for bids weeks ago. They have steel plates to cover the 36- or 42-inch pipes under the street. Now the asphalt has holes where you can see through to the end of the pipe.

(b) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded Mrs. Dawson and unanimously Adopt a Resolution No. 8228 authorizing an authorized city representative to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to amend Article II for the roadway control sections of the Kansas Lane – Garrett Road and I-20 Improvements and further providing with respect thereto. (There were no public comments.)

Ms. Woods wanted to know if they have any idea of the how much for Supplemental Agreement is going to cost.

Mr. James Ellingburg, Lezenby & Assoc., explained that the contract only amends the cost between the City and DOTD as it relates to the funding to that project. It's increasing the federal share funding for portions of that project.

Ms. Woods wanted to know if the city has any obligations on the supplemental agreement.

Mr. Ellingburg noted the agreement is decreasing the city responsibility and increasing the federal share for portions of the project.

Ms. Woods wanted to know how much the increase will be.

Mr. Jimmy (James Ellingburg) explained that it is increasing from 80% Federal and 20% City its increasing and it's increasing 100% federal for portions of the project.

Ms. Woods noted that she didn't understand when she was reading it and that's why she asked to explain exactly where the money was coming from to have a better understanding of the agreement.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

(a) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to enter into a pipeline and aboveground facilities servitude and easement between the City of Monroe and Atmos Energy Corporation, and further providing with respect thereto. (Legal) (There were no public comments.)

(b) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to take Corporeal Possession of the property described below and sell to Joseph and Milleny Walters all rights, title, and interest that the City may have acquired to the lot 15, square 2, Blanks Addition, Ouachita Parish, 205 Morton St., Monroe, La, by Adjudication at Tax Sale dated June 13, 2016, and further with respect thereto. (Legal) (There were no public comments.)

(c) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Monroe to acquire a certain parcel of real property from Harrellco Properties

situated in Ouachita Parish with a municipal address of 710 S. 4th Street, Monroe, La and further providing with respect thereto. (PUD) (There were no public comments.)

Ms. Woods wanted to know why this property was being purchased.

Mrs. Ellen Hill, PUD Director explained that the Home Program has been working on a property transfer program. The Mayor has given his blessing to move forward and one of many opportunities we are looking at is for people to donate or sale us properties in the footprint we are targeting. Harrellco donated a piece a property that was accepted a couple of council meetings awhile back. It's in a targeted area where Monroe Housing is building houses for sale. Mrs. Hill noted that they want to work with our developers that are also interested in building affordable housing in the area. It allows the City to secure property and partnering with a developer putting something there someone can buy as home.

Ms. Woods asked if they are going to pay us for this property.

Mrs. Hill said yes, they will.

Mr. Marshall questioned if this was the property a tree fell on.

Mrs. Hill said this is one of them yes, they are not giving away property its property the City can sale.

Ms. Woods noted she just wanted us to be clear.

Mrs. Hill emphasized it's for sale.

(d) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Dawson Introduce of Ordinance approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Monroe and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local No. 2388 and further providing with respect thereto. (Mayor)

Ms. Vee Wright wanted to know if the gentleman that collect the trash be included in the contract.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant, City Attorney, said yes, they are included.

Ms. Vee Wright explained in her opinion no contract is perfect but as she has stated before she's big supporter of unions and believes a contract keeps everyone honest. Ms. Wright also stated this is a good contract and thanked the City Council for supporting union membership.

Chairman Marshall said just to clarify with Mrs. Sturdivant there were some concerns he received about raises that have already been put in the budget.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant explained that several years ago council approved the City to enter into an agreement with Gallagher where they did a market wage study. The study showed what minimum market wage for city jobs should be. The Monroe city employees anyone who was not at the minimum market wage is being bought up to the minimum market wage.

Mrs. Rowell noted it was adjusted because it's three years old.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant explained that the amount of the minimum market was adjusted do to it being a delay because of the pandemic. Anyone who was already at the minimum market wage is going to receive a 5% raise.

Ms. Woods wanted to know if the union employees will be granted the same money.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant said yes, it covers the majority of the members in the Gallagher study.

Ms. Woods wanted to know if the budget is calculated in this agreement.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant said yes ma'am.

Ms. Vee Wright wanted to know if the minimum market wage is \$11 an hour or higher.

Ms. Stacy Rowell said it depends on the position, but every position was part of the study.

Ms. Vee Wright wanted to know if there are any positions lower than \$11 an hour.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant explained that the city's full time minimum wage has been raised to \$11 an hour and anyone under the contract that was at \$10 an hour will be raised to 10%.

Ms. Vee Wright encourages the minimum wage be raised to \$15 to give people a livable wage.

Mrs. Angie Sturdivant explained that under the contract higher wages were negotiated with the executive board and if determined the city can increase the wage before the 2-year term ends. She further noted that they will negotiate again.

Ms. Vee Wright encouraged again that the City to get that \$11 an hour up to \$15 because she believes that helps Monroe attract real industry if you have work force that is not poor. She further noted that you will have better services and attract the kind of businesses you want.

Ms. Roberson noted that she used to be a city employee for twelve and a half years and wanted to know if City Court was part of this agreement.

Ms. Rowell explained that they are not included under this contract; however, it was brought up in the budget hearing and she added that City Court will be receiving the 5% raises that other employees are getting.

Ms. Roberson stated she strongly encourages the City to investigate the wages for City Court employees.

Ms. Rowell explained there was a discussion about wages for City Court in the budget hearing, but they are not covered by the contract.

Ms. Roberson noted that she knows City Court would be appreciative of higher wages.

(e) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Woods and unanimously Introduce an Ordinance adopting a Budget of Revenues and providing for an estimate of items and expenditures for the fiscal year 2022-2023. (Admin.)

(f) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Woods and unanimously Introduce an Ordinance adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the City of Monroe and providing for a detailed statement of the contents for a five (5) year period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2027. (Admin.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION AND SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING:

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing and seeing no one come forward the Hearing was closed.

(a) Upon motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and unanimously approved to finally adopt an Ordinance amending and adjusting the City of Monroe Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022. (Admin.) (There were no public comments.)

Ms. Woods noted that this was the one on last meeting that Mr. Richards explained what was in it and she asked him to explain to her and he talked about DEDD (Downtown Economic Dev.) She didn't understand the comments he was making there, so she wanted to him to talk about that and what he was talking about DEDD having capped out or something in his summary.

Mr. Harvey said DEDD had capped out of sales tax.

Mr. Dan Richard, Budget Officer, explained that was sale tax, the agreement with the TIF. They get a portion of the sales tax within the District, but for the year it's capped a five hundred thousand, so after the 3rd quarter they have already reached that cap.

Ms. Woods wanted to know what that means, and what happens then.

Mrs. Rowell noted that the City receives the rest of it, and it stays in the general fund.

Mr. Harvey explained as well that the sales tax goes into general funds, so the City is able to get whatever is above the baseline, the TIF, and like the rest of the sales tax it goes into general fund.

Mrs. Rowell explains that the assumption is that is new sales tax dollars, so it stays with the City.

Ms. Woods reiterated that it stays with the City.

Mrs. Rowell said yes, and that's the incentive is that they get to keep a portion of what they're generating within that District, and we get the benefit as they continue to grow.

Mr. Richards explained that's an annual cap, so it starts over at the beginning of the year.

Ms. Woods noted that she needed to understand because she had gotten some phone calls and was thinking now, DEDD have reached their cap and the City was going to give them some more money. She noted that she needed to understand what was going on.

Mrs. Rowell noted they don't get anymore that is the problem.

Ms. Woods said so the City starts getting money.

Mrs. Rowell said yes.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Kenya Roberson, Monroe Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, came forward on behalf of the renaissance committee and thanked the Police Department and the City of Monroe for their continued support of the Black Heritage Parade. She thanked to the City Council, Mayor, and anyone who participated. They really appreciated Monroe City Police Department they did a good job. Ms. Roberson said to mark your calendar for Juneteenth weekend and that the Monroe Regional Black Chamber is getting ready to do great things for the holiday and asking for the city's support.

Ms. Melissa Byers, 1007 Orange Street, Monroe came forward to thank Mayor Ellis for addressing the litter problem and the hard work done on Jackson Street on today. She is addressing the litter problem in her District (4) community on Orange Street for pedestrians. She believes sidewalks would help with litter issue in District (4). Ms. Byers stated she lives on a street with a twenty-five miles per hour speed limit, but people are speeding, She also contacted the office about Juneteenth.

Chairman Marshall said he received an email last night about her issue.

Ms. Byers wants everyone to realize Marie Brown has been doing Juneteenth celebrations at the zoo and this will be the eleventh year. She further noted that they would appreciate working with other organizations that want to have Juneteenth events.

Mr. Marshall noted that they have been having conversations and he has been supporting Ms. Brown for as long as he can remember. He further noted that he was not sure if her number was in the email, but he will be contacting her.

Ms. Roberson explained that the Monroe Regional Black Chamber of Commerce is not trying to take anything, and they do have a meeting schedule Saturday with Ms. Marie Brown.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.m., upon motion of Mrs. Dawson and it was seconded by Mr. Harvey.

Carday Marshall, Sr.
Chairman

Carolus S. Riley
Council Clerk

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Staff Secretary

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