

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

Chairperson Schuringa called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Monroe City Hall.

A. Roll Call

Present at roll call were Alderpersons Charles Schuringa, Dan Henke and Kent Kallembach. Also present were Mayor Ron Marsh; Gary Kramer, representing the Building Committee of the Green County Humane Society; Nate Klassy; and Tere Dunlap of the Monroe Times.

B. Correction of Minutes

None

C. Business:

1. Discuss possible sale of land in industrial park to Green County Humane Society and possibly take action

Gary Kramer made a request on behalf of the Building Committee of the Green County Humane Society that the City consider the sale of land in the Honey Creek Business and Industry Park to allow for the construction of a new animal shelter. An existing 6.5+/- acre lot north of the Badger State Ethanol plant could be divided in half, with only the eastern part required for the Humane Society's needs, and the western side available for another use. (See attached map)

Preliminary plans are for the building construction to be in phases beginning in approximately one year, after a fund-raising drive and donations would provide the majority of the funding needed for the first phase. Future plans also include requesting the City to allow the area around the water ponds to the east for a dog walking trail/park, and a possible pet cemetery in the 1.6 acre lot east of the proposed building site (south of the ponds).

There was a discussion period on the advantages of relocation to this area; and also concerning the setback of current residential structures and potential noise problems from the barking dogs. Loss of tax revenue from a non-profit use of the land was also discussed.

Zoning on the lot is currently M3. A code amendment of allowable uses would be required to permit the animal shelter to be built, or the parcel would need to be rezoned.

Mayor Marsh suggested that the Committee members view the site, and that the City research the impact and responsibilities of the establishment of a pet cemetery.

After further discussion, Alderperson Henke made a motion that was seconded by Alderperson Kallembach that the Engineering Department be requested to place two flagged stakes at the north and south ends of the proposed line that would divide the existing lot and serve as the west boundary of the proposed Humane Society lot; that the Committee members be allowed an opportunity to view the site before making any decisions or recommendations; and that the Committee meet again for continued consideration on October 7, 2008, prior to the regular City Council meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. Business by Members

None

E. Adjournment

Motion by Alderperson Henke, seconded by Alderperson Kallembach to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Recorded by Diane Updike