

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY/COUNTY AD HOC COMMITTEE

July 27, 2020

Marty Brewer called the meeting to order. He ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed. Those present were Marty Brewer, Todd Coppernoll, Clint Langreck, Michael Starks, Chelsea Wunnicke, Alan Lins, Martha Bauer, Pedro Gomez, Stacy Pilla, Jasen Glasbrenner, Carson Culver and Melinda D Jones.

Motion by Starks, second by Coppernoll to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion on Emergency Services: Marty Brewer would like to have discussions and planning to eventually have the Ambulance, Fire, and 911 Dispatch in one location. It could be looked at to have the Police and Sheriff Departments in the same location eventually. Carson Culver indicated that Fire, EMS, Sheriff, and 911 should all be included in a discussion about this and agree or this type of vision may not work out well. The location would have to be a central area because response time needs to be within 4 minutes. Clint Langreck mentioned that the ambulance service needs to move now so timing is urgent. He said it makes sense to share funding with others but if the 911 system is taken out of the jail then additional staff will be needed. Scott Gald arrived and mentioned the current fire station was built in 1953. Things that could be shared would be internet services, utilities, meeting rooms, rest rooms, and others do make sense. Fire and EMS already work well together and help each other out. Pedro Gonzales mentioned many community members could work together with donating time and money. Clint Langreck said that EMS is the first phase of the plan that needs to get started quickly. Carson Culver said if the location is not central there would be volunteers racing through town in one direction. Motion by Brewer, second by Starks to have a meeting with city and county departments, as well as fire to determine space needs and vision casting. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the UW Platteville Richland Campus Bridges: Clint Langreck mentioned the next step is to do a survey. The City and County should keep the funds listed in the next budget cycle.

Discussion on Racial Discrimination: Alan Lins mentioned that racism is a profound national topic and mentioned the local minority and the bullying issues at the schools. He asked if there is anything the local government can do to be more welcoming. Local businesses could look at bringing minorities to the community and help them? Chelsea Wunnicke mentioned the Extension Office works with the community to facilitate groups and as a task force. Pedro Gonzales said he thinks the Hispanics and White people are scared to talk with each other due to a break down in verbal communications. Mayor Coppernoll mentioned Google Translator is great and easy to use. Alan Lins mentioned it could be good for government web sites to use something like Google Translator and even on Facebook. Michael Starks mentioned that businesses could work with Hispanics and help them get a work visa suggested Southwest Partners collect \$5000 from each business in need of employees to assist with the visa and housing. Carson Culver requested to find out the facts on vacant jobs, housing needs, language skills and the social skills will follow. Martha Bauer said she and Stacy Pilla work at the Library

and have resources for community partners and would like to be involved in a solution. She also volunteered to assist in community engagement training. Developing an anti-bullying ordinance was discussed for the schools. An ad hoc task force was suggested with Pedro, Michael Starks, Alan Lins, Chelsea Wunnicke, Martha Bauer and Stacy Pilla to get together with ideas.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 31, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjourn: Motion by Coppernoll, second by Culver to adjourn. Motion carried at 2:45 p.m.
Minutes by City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones